

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)
McCallum Library
5600 Sunshine Drive
January 8, 2018

MINUTES

CAC members present: Kevin Foster, Susan Moffat, Stephen Burnette (Co-chair), Anne Heinen (Co-chair), Holly Eaton, Ellen Grady-Sessa, Liz Kline, Claire Mathias, Julie Rigby, Mike Garrison, Gabe Reyes. Visitors present: none.

1. **Call to order.** Co-chair Anne Heinen called the meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:30pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the December CAC meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote (Holly Eaton, motion; Ellen Grady-Sessa, second).
1. **Accreditation Report from AdvancED.** Principal Mike Garrison presented the Accreditation Engagement Review Report prepared by AdvancED for McCallum's Performance Accreditation. McCallum was identified as "Emerging" in the category of integrating digital resources, but otherwise met or exceeded all goals. Mr. Garrison stated that McCallum expects to further the integration of digital resources with the continued incorporation of Blend software. CAC members discussed the need for balance and variety in delivery methods to accommodate a range of learning styles, noting that digital resources would never be a replacement for good teaching. The report summary was very complimentary about campus culture and leadership, and recommended McCallum for accreditation. AdvancED last reviewed McCallum in 2012. For more information about the organization, please visit <http://www.advanc-ed.org/>
3. **Student Chromebook Roll Out.** Assistant Principal Gabe Reyes provided an overview of the Chromebook distribution process, which is scheduled for January 18th. Chromebooks will have an embedded tracking device and will be identified with a barcode and student name; additionally, students are encouraged to personalize their bags, chargers and devices with stickers or other identifying decorations. Campus staff is following up with parents who said they did not wish their students to participate in the program to address any concerns. So far roughly 120-150 students have chosen to use their own devices, but there may be problems accessing the campus network so staff has asked students to bring in their devices before the 18th to make sure they will have the same access as the Chromebooks. All students will log in with their student ID number, but tech support will only be available for district devices. There will be extra devices in the library for use in school, and students will be allowed to keep their individual Chromebooks over the summer.
4. **Student Schedule Timeline 2018.** In compliance with the four-year plans mandated by House Bill 5, McCallum counselors are working one-on-one with students to build out their schedules. Counselors have developed a draft Google form to help students create their plans, a change from the traditional choice sheets used in the past. Students and parents will be able to review plans and

- make changes through the third week of March, and will have the opportunity to make additional changes in August. Generally, all students will start with the multidisciplinary plan, which most closely mimics the previous 4x4 plan preferred by most colleges. McCallum will host an Expo Knight to give parents a step-by-step overview of the new system, and parents will be able to find additional information on the campus website. All students will receive copies of their schedules before end of school and parents may also email in changes before school starts in fall. McCallum offers all major endorsements under House Bill 5, as well as shared classes with other campuses. Students are also eligible to take dual credit courses with Austin Community College (ACC), including a number of courses that are offered on the McCallum campus; if a student is interested in dual credit, now is the time to contact his or her counselor. Campus staff will continue working to make the scheduling process as user friendly as possible.
5. **Spring Testing Schedule.** Assistant Principal Gabé Reyes reported that state-mandated STAAR exams will be held on the following dates: English Language Arts 1 & 2, April 10-13; Algebra, Biology and U.S. History, May 7-10.
 6. **New business.** Dr. Kevin Foster observed that the McCallum Fine Arts Academy enrollment does not reflect the demographic makeup of the district as a whole and questioned whether the relatively low number of minority students is due to lack of transportation, outreach, recruitment, or other factors. Susan Moffat noted that the lack of transportation is a definite deterrent for many students and recapped McCallum's unsuccessful efforts to secure transportation going back over a decade. Mr. Garrison emphasized McCallum's commitment to diversity and inclusion. He will invite Academy Coordinator Heather Ramsay to attend the next CAC meeting to speak about recruitment and outreach efforts.
 7. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:30pm.