



SAC Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021-5:00 pm

Myakka City Elementary School Cafeteria

[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

1. Meeting called to order by Heather Rivero, SAC Chair at 5:03 pm.
2. Determined a Quorum by Heather Rivero, with seven members present.

Members Present: Carol Ricks, Julie Lonegro, Heather Rivero, Nikki Yates, Julie Synder, Briseyda Beltran, Lynn Howell, Danny Cacchiotti, Janeth Serrano and Jessica Beasley.

Others Present: Dr. Annette Codelia, Sgt. Rob Hendrickson, Cynthia Saunders, Reverend Golden, Gena Case, Debbie Ackaway, Faith Piper, Sarah Clark, JoAnn Kinyon, Debbie Veldkamp, Karen Washington, Anya Kuehn, Kristen Weems, Betsy Bickel-Perry, Brittany Dugre, Maureen Geary, Joe Sczewczyk, Kathy Kersey, Morgan Smith, Lindsay Blakely, Temple Bunyak, Annemarie Bachman, Maya Hart, Jackie Blue, Ashley Albritton, Kelly Strausbaugh and Enge D'Hati.

3. SAC Chair, Heather Rivero, welcomed special guests Dr. Annette Codelia, SDMC Board Member Reverend Golden, and Superintendent Cynthia Saunders.

4. April 2021 SAC Minutes were reviewed. Lynn Howell made motion to approve the April minutes and the motion was seconded by Jessica Beasley.

5. **New Business:**

a. Sgt. Rob Hendrickson, Manatee County Sherriff's Department, addressed there have been a few complaints from surrounding neighbors due to the car line drop off area. He reviewed the Florida State Statute that you can't block a driveway. Sgt. Hendrickson asked staff and parents if there is an issue on a county road, please report it directly to officer Hendrickson, and stated it is not an issue with the school district. He asked staff to please remind parents not to block driveways or roadways.

b. Introduction of SAC Members 2021-2022 (Year 2 of 2-year Term-Beg. in 2020-2021)

c. Review/Approval of SAC By-Laws 2021-2022. The Bylaws were amended to eleven members. Pastor Lynn Howell made a motion and seconded by Nikki Yates.

d. Assistant Principal, Betsy Bickel-Perry, reviewed the School Improvement Plan Overview for 2020-2021 for an Academic Goal of 65% for a school grade of an "A" The four main goals for the year to achieve this goal were reviewed:



- Goal 1: Writing Score of a 6 or above.
- Goal 2: Math gains of 67% or higher.
- Goal 3: Science Proficiency Score of 57% or higher.
- Goal 4: 10% Reduction in Disruptive Behavior Referrals.

There will be a focus on the L25 ELA of 65% and L25 Math gains of 67% to continue to improve overall scores.

e. Maya Hart discussed “Myakka’s Culture Mash Up” a multicultural event she is working on to include students, parents, staff and community members. The event will host food trucks, games, locally grown fruits and vegetables, clothing and hearing and vision screenings. The event is to support all the different cultures represented at MCES. The event is set for October 7, 20221.

6. Principal’s Report, Carol Ricks:

a. State of the School- School Grade “A”: We officially received a “B” however due to the Executive Order from the Governor, MCES was able to maintain the School Grade of an “A”

b. Staffing/Allocation Update- Due to decreased enrollment we will be losing one unit, a 4th grade classroom, Mrs. Ricks will be contacting parents once decisions have been made to move kids and assured parents that it will be a smooth transition.

c. Campus Improvements- Lots of improvements across the campus were completed over the summer including office flooring, new carpet in all classrooms, two new marquees, the building of the barn (slated to be finished in two weeks), and media center renovations (furniture is scheduled to be delivered in early November.)

d. Referendum Renewal- increases teacher pay, supports STEM and Ag programs, as well as giving the students an extra 30 minutes of classroom time increasing overall student growth. MCES went from a school grade of a C to an A after the last referendum, due to increased staffing and supplemental resources. Reverend Golden encouraged all in attendance to register to vote if they are not already and take advantage of early voting as well.

e. Mrs. Ricks announced the Excellence in Education Nominees; for support employee: Lisa Mcleod and for Educators: Jen Roberts, Maureen Geary, Debbie Veldkamp and Kristen Weems.



7. Safety & Security: Betsy Bickel-Perry, Assistant Principal

a. COVID-19 Update: 9 positive students as of 9/9/2021 with 25 quarantines. Parents have been asked to keep students at home when any symptoms are present, and administration is very appreciative of the cooperation. Our highest rate of students being out was 80 in one day and as of today 50 were out. We are making good progress.

b. Campus Safety Plan: Alyssa's Alert has been installed. All staff members received a badge that must be worn at all times and can activate a lockdown on campus. It also allows teachers to call Admin for immediate assistance in the classroom if there is a safety issue. Fortify Florida is available through an app or the SDMC website, that allows anyone to report, "See Something, Say Something."

8. K-8 Transition Process Explanation: Superintendent Cynthia Saunders

Superintendent Saunders addressed the idea of MCES becoming a K-8 school. Saunders explained any expansion is based on need. She noted at one time MCES had a 6th grade and the concept did not matriculate. She went on to explain children do not enjoy attending a school that does not feel like a middle school; students need a campus that looks and feels like a middle school and offers a well-rounded curriculum. She discussed other K-8 middle schools in the district; Johnson, Palmview and Lincoln. She explained why they worked due to needs based on student enrollment, finances and building capacity. SDMC has already moved up plans for a K-8 in the east part of Manatee County on Uhlein Road due to the rapid growth in that part of the county. Supt. Saunders explained as growth continues it will not be a matter of "if" we could get a middle school or expansion but "when." She finished by saying the district wants to do it when the numbers (enrollment) are there, and it is fiscally responsible; MCES is not there at this time.

Reverend Golden reiterated as our representative for the district he will make sure this is on the capital improvement plan in the future.

9. Open Discussion/Questions/Concerns/Future Meeting Topics: Heather Rivero, reviewed the information provided by Superintendent Saunders that at this time MCES will remain an elementary school and in the future, as the need arises, the district will consider a K-8 option or a middle school in the Myakka City area.

The next SAC meeting will be held on October 14, 2021.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.