

**MORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
SBDM COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
4:30 P.M.**

Present Members: Melissa Henning Crystal Dixon Anne Thomasson Rubin Jones
Sue Hufnagel Ronda Runyon Andy Williams Jane Brannon
Scott Cahill Melanie Gabbard Whitney Dixon Allie O'Donnell
Kim Thompson

Guests: Kate Barnes Clay Sutherland Dawn Mulazim Lisa Owens
Molly Baldrige Gretchen Vaught Malkanthe McCormick Karen Ziegler
Katelyn Kearns Mark Russell Mark Sellers

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Crystal Dixon moved to approved the minutes. Melanie Gabbard seconded. The motion passed.

2. ADDITIONS TO CURRENT AGENDA

NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The procedures for public comment were announced, and a sign-up sheet for persons requesting to speak was passed around.

4. PEER SUPPORT NETWORK (PSN)

Molly Baldrige, Kim Thompson, along with Gretchen Vaught and Malkanthe McCormick, presented material about the Peer Support Network. This is a structure opportunity for students to help other students in classrooms. Our partnership with UK can use the implementation of this network to compliment and strengthen our Morton community.

5. FRYSC GRANT

Kate Barnes, Morton's FRYSC director, presented the grant that is given every two years. Melanie Gabbard moved to accept the grant. Jane Brannon seconded. The motion passed.

6. ONLINE FIELD TESTING

Morton Middle School will conduct online field testing on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. All students will complete a Quality School Climate and Safety survey (QSCS), as well as one content area test. The 6th and 7th grade students will take either a math or reading test. The 8th grade students will take a test on math or reading or editing & mechanics or an On-Demand Writing. Since the QSCS counts toward accountability, there will be make-up testing for students who are absent on February 25th.

7. DRESS CODE CONCERNS

The PBIS Committee met as a request from the SBDM to review dress code and the consistency of its implementation. A couple of changes that were made after the February 3 implementation day due to parent concerns resulted in the words, "with loose-fitting tops (shirts or sweaters) that are at least fingertip length" being removed from the dress code. The PBIS committee will meet again soon to consider other concerns regarding the dress code and its implementation for next year.

8. SCIF YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

The year-to-date budget report was distributed. There were no concerns or questions.

9. SBDM POLICIES UPDATE

The policies listed below were reviewed as a second reading with some amendments. Crystal Dixon moved that all the policies be approved as amended. Melanie Gabbard seconded. The motion passed.

- A. School Day and Week Schedule Policy – 2nd Reading**
- B. School Space Use Policy – 2nd Reading**
- C. Student Assignment Policy – 2nd Reading**

10. OTHER

After the last agenda item, the floor was opened up to those persons who had requested to speak as a public comment. Parents of Morton students expressed concerns for and against the school's dress code, and its enforcement.

These parents spoke against the dress code: Amy Lawson, Chrissie Turner, Liz Sheehan, Katherine Adams, Barbara Crandall, Lori Donaldson, Lucy Noll, Shelby Gorman, Tyrah West, Melissa Caswell, and Esril Ezel.

Sh-Naya Taylor spoke in favor of the dress code.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Barjuca