

MORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

SBDM COUNCIL MINUTES

March 9, 2020

4:30 P.M.

Members Present:	Ronda Runyon	Anne Thomasson	Rubin Jones	Melissa Henning
	Crystal Dixon	Melanie Gabbard	Allie O'Donnell	Sue Hufnagel
	Andy Williams	Whitney Dixon	Jane Brannon	
Guests:	Lisa Owens	Brian DeRosa	Erica Huffman	

Morton Middle School Mission Statement

The faculty, staff, students and community of Morton Middle School are committed to academic excellence and the cultivation of individual strengths and talents in a safe, supportive environment where individual differences are respect for the rights of others guide school and community behavior.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2-9-2020 MEETING

Melanie Gabbard moved to accept the minutes. Whitney Dixon seconded. Motion passed.

2. ADDITIONS TO CURRENT AGENDA

NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

4. CSIP

The March Progress Monitoring Notes for the CSIP are ready to submit. In this CSIP phase, we reflect back to make sure that we have implemented all of the strategies and activities listed in our CSIP, and we check for evidence of success. We are happy to report that based on the third quarter reflection, we are on target to have all strategies and activities implemented by the end of the school year. Furthermore, the data, based on common assessments, formative assessments, and other types of data, reflects that students are demonstrating academic progress and growth. We will continue to meet in our PLC groups to monitor student progress and data to ensure that we finish the school year strong.

5. ONLINE FIELD TESTING

Our Spring 2020 State Online Field Testing was successfully completed by the majority of our students on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Students who were absent completed the session when they returned to school. We had 100% participation rate by the end of the state window. The majority of students seemed to really enjoy testing on the devices. The technology enhanced features were great resources. Teachers were a little concerned about being able to monitor effectively, and about students using their time wisely. New experiences and practice, using both technology, and paper /pencil strategies, will benefit all of us, as well as make this learning environment more productive.

6. MARCH ON DEMAND WRITING SESSION

Our Spring On Demand Writing (ODW) session will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020. ODW includes informative, argumentative, and narrative prompts. We completed district mandated argumentative prompts during our Fall ODW session. Feedback from these prompts informed us of areas needing extra attention, and guided our writing lessons to result in publishable pieces. Our 8th graders have been practicing all forms of writing, and will be practicing argumentative prompts this month.

7. MORTON 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

The 2020-2021 proposed budget was distributed to council members for approval. It is noted that not all money is given, in case section 6 money is cut. This budget is about the same as last year. The copy rental was cut a little, with the hope that students having 1:1 Chromebooks will reduce the amount of paper copies. Library funding was increased as funds are always needed to expand library materials. Melanie Gabbard moved to approve the budget for 2020-2021 as proposed, Crystal Dixon seconded. The motion passed.

8. STAFFING

For the most part staffing remains the same for the 2020-2021 school year. Staffing for the moment is at 98%. Our ELL position will stay at 1.0. There are a few cuts in our Special Education Department; there will be only one position for MSD, and only 8 para educators. As of July 1, 2020, Ms. Runyon will retire as principal. James McMillin, one of the secondary chiefs, will work with the SBDM Council to move forward with the process of principal selection. Crystal Dixon moved that the staffing changes be accepted; Melanie Gabbard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. SCIF YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

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

10. OTHER

The PBIS Committee is organizing a dress code committee, which will include teacher, parent, and student representatives. This committee will come up with ideas for addressing the dress code, which will be brought before the SBDM Council for approval. An email has been sent to Morton teachers requesting that any teachers interested in serving on the committee contact either Mr. Williams, or Mrs. Henning.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Barjuca