

**Mercer County Intermediate School
SBDM Minutes - May 10, 2022 - Library**

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| <p><u>Members Present</u> Kelly Odell Stephanie Abrams Alicia Nichols Kimberlee Piazza Rita McIntyre</p> | <p><u>Members Absent</u> Anaris Sickles</p> | <p><u>Guest(s)</u> Will Carlton</p> |
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1. Opening Business

- a. Approval of the Agenda (legally required)
- b. Approval of previous meeting's Minutes (legally required)
- c. Good News Report
 - i. Staff Member/Teacher of the Year
 - ii. Field Trips
 - iii. Ag Days
 - iv. Family Night

2. School Achievement Report/Data

a. State Testing

All Kentucky schools give the state test, [Kentucky Summative Assessments](#), formerly called K-PREP, during the last 14 instructional days of the district's calendar.

- **May 12-17**
- **What important information do the staff, students, and families need to know? working with Katie, PBIS, and Instructional team to get information together to send home.**
- **How can our council promote the best environment for state testing?**
 Being assessed makes all of us feel vulnerable. When you add in the higher levels of anxiety reported by school staff, students, and families throughout the pandemic, state testing can be a strain on mental health. As humans, we want to be seen in a positive light, so when we are evaluated, judged, graded, or rated, it can be scary.

*The November 2021 [Freebie SEL and Assessment](#) can help. This Powerpoint provides **slides you can share to help communicate that scores do NOT:***

- Impact the love and care a person receives
- Define a person's value

b. Summer Accelerating Learning Plan

- Titan Academy for 4 weeks (2 in June and 2 in July)
- Camp Invention

3. School Improvement Planning

a. Monthly Review - on track

4. Budget

a. Finalize the 2022-23 budget from the school board

The final budget allocation should have been received from the school board by May 1. Based on any new information, make adjustments as needed to the school's budget for the upcoming school year.

There is not a specific date that the district receives budgets for Categorical Funds and Flexible Focus Funds. Your council should provide input on these budgets once received.

- Budget was amended.
- The council reviewed and amended the SBDM budget. Stephanie Abrams made a motion to approve the budget. Alicia Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

b. Finalize the 2022-23 staffing allocation from the school board

- hired for gen ed - Emily Johnson, Jamey Kerr, Mary Kate Pridey, and Victoria Sewell
- hired for SPED - Joe Dodgen, Loren Cocanougher, and Tyus Short
- still trying to fill 1 gen ed position, 1 SPED position, and 1 school counselor position
- enter closed session

5. Bylaw or Policy Review/Readings/Adoption

- a. **will begin review of policies/bylaws in July with notes from KASC**

6. New Business

a. Council Training

As you complete council elections, you will need to consider how each member of the incoming council will be trained. On [SBDM Training](#), KASC offers a variety of training topics you can schedule just for your council or sign up for open sessions available throughout the state. If your district offers training, be sure all the council members have that information. KASC strongly recommends a council doing a training together, when possible, but we understand that isn't always an option.

b. Council Transition

Spend a few minutes discussing the transition to a new council. Invite new council members to the June meeting before they take office in July. KASC recommends that each council member has easy access to at least the following:

- council bylaws and policies
- student results data from school-level and state assessments
- school improvement plan

7. On-Going Learning

a. Support for Implementing Legislative Changes

KASC Exec Director
Ronda Harmon

THANK YOU, School Council Members!

Thank you for the work you do to improve education for all our students. Thank you for answering the call from KASC's weekly legislative updates and letting General Assembly members hear your voice.

THANK YOU to the many Kentucky General Assembly Members and Governor Beshear and Lt. Governor Coleman who steadfastly support public education and the work of school councils.

Even though the Governor's veto of SB 1 was overridden, we appreciate his support:

"I am vetoing Senate Bill 1 because it lessens, if not eliminates, the participation and input of parents in making decisions on both school personnel and curriculum, and represents a step backward for public education in the Commonwealth."

No matter what changes were made, we want you to **remember two things**:

1) You are in a position to make a difference in the lives of students, adults, your community, and your state — keep up the good work!

2) KASC will be supporting you every step of the way with:

- Summaries of the final bills passed, along with the impact on schools
- Collaboration with other groups to make the changes as seamless and easy as possible
- Revised policies and bylaws to align with legal changes
- Answers to your questions

8. Adjournment - next meeting Thursday, June 2

Stephanie Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Piazza seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.