

Sep 3, 2026

MMS Community Council

Attendees: Michelle Morrell, Kim Hartman Adam Christensen, Steve Corey, Seth Smith, Bill Caldwell, Janell Walker

Agenda

- Call to order at 7:00
- Review and approval of minutes: done by email
- Elections & officer selection: council must always have 2 more parents than school staff
 - Council chair: Steve Corey
 - Council co-chair: Bill Caldwell
 - Council secretary: Kim Hartman
- Rules of Order & Procedure:
 - Adopted in November 2024
 - For last two years, has been brought in line with state's recommendations, including the following clarifications:
 - Added clarity about how many members needed to be present for votes
 - Changed "council member *should* consider the seat vacant" to "council member *can* consider the seat vacant" (emphasis added)
 - Read Rules of Order & Procedure on your own; council meetings will also include trainings
- Meeting calendar approved by council
 - October 12: 7 am
 - November 9: 7 am
 - December 14: 7 am
 - January 11: 7 am
 - February 8: 7 am
 - March 8: 7 am
 - April 12: 7 am
 - May 10: 7 am
- Member training and compliance: School Land Trust timeline
 - August: Elections held in spring
 - September
 - Annual training attended by Adam, Bill, Seth, Steve
 - Collect council member information (see below)
 - Review and update the website posting requirements:

- Steve to send approved agenda and minutes to Jana Brown, Andy Jensen, and cc: Michelle Morrell
 - Kim to provide minutes within a week of meeting
 - Visit School Land Trust website to review trainings
- Opening-of-school enrollment
 - 2025: 472 students
 - 2026: 505 students; MMS had biggest enrollment increase of any school in MSD
 - Every 30 students = teacher, so this year's classrooms are bigger (up to 30 students/class)
 - MGES kindergarten enrollment: approx 48; MES kindergarten enrollment: approx 115
- School board focus
 - Math
 - Started Reflex math in 2025: focuses on multiplication
 - Elementary school will focus on multiplication in 4th grade, as well as 3rd
 - 5th grade has moved to Eureka Square to align with elementary school
 - 5th graders: 5th grade center open
 - Own bell schedule
 - Every student has math and ELA in the morning (research shows best time for kids)
 - 80-minute blocks each for math and ELA
 - Excited to see results of these changes
 - Transition to 5th grade was much easier with the new center (fewer tears, happier parents)
- School LAND Trust Plan and Digital Citizenship tabled until October; add to October agenda
- District Committees: Jana Brown will send invitations for all committee meetings; if can't attend, contact Steve or Bill to find a substitute
 - Policy: Bill Caldwell
 - Risk assessment assessment: Janell Walker
 - Emergency response: Steve Corey (Seth to be sub)
 - Transportation: Steve Corey
 - Instructional materials review: Seth Smith
 - Sex ed: Kim Hartman
 - Wellness doesn't meet until 2028, so do not need council member
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40

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