

Mingus High School

Site Council

Meeting date: May 13, 2025

Location: MUHS Library

Members present: Paula Harold and Lacey Edwards

Agenda Items

Mr. Beery welcomed all at 5:05pm

New website will roll over on May 30th.

Community narrative of MUHS has improved, we are focused on recognition. Board meetings have focused on student recognition this past year.

Cell phone policy is more uniform but not perfect. Bathrooms are more approachable. We have had more referrals for vaping. Nicotine is a 3 day suspension and THC is a 5 day suspension. Referrals lead to probation being involved. First time is diversion (a softer type of probation).

Pass and Flex have been successful additions. New bell schedule will implement more days of Flex. This past semester we have had far less F's due to Flex.

Paula: is Flex used to reteach? She feels positive about extra help for students.

Ultimate goal is to improve achievement. Room for improvement on getting curriculum tight. Schoolwide we will work on tightening curriculum across the board.

Susanna Ventura and Jason Teague have done a phenomenal job with Instructional Coaches.

Areas for Improvement: difficult having the District and High School on the same property. Some people report to the district and others report to the H.S. At times, these crossover but can be confusing.

Lacey: Wants teachers to get more excited when teaching, not to just put on a video or rely on worksheets. Be prepared to teach to help students pass the class, not just busy work. Make sure that the curriculum is aligning with the goal of passing.

Paula: Mr. Beery's engagement is awesome. Noticeably more interactive. State testing, ACT and SAT ultimately comes back to curriculum. Concerned with teachers using AI to

grade. Not bad, this is a tool but is only as good as the model. We need more structure when grading essays. School wide AI detection.

Paula: how are other schools engaging Site Council? Both Paula and Lacey offered to help recruit more parents at registration, and any other times during the year like sports night.

Maybe have a rotating schedule? Morning meeting one month, later meeting another month. Different times to allow more parent participation.

New website, maybe MUHS can have an app.

Mr. Beery went over staff survey.

Paula: is Avid an opt in?

Beery: No, it's a requirement. Teachers have to attend 2 walkabouts and demonstrate during the semester.

Lacey: is Avid an elective? Can we work with COCSD to get freshmen more prepared?

Beery: the goal is to take Avid grades 9-12. Avid schools have every freshmen take this.