School Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes
Mauldin Elementary School
Monday, September 14, 2026
12:00-1:00p.m.

Start time 12:03 p.m

In attendance: Crystal Beal, Jennifer Dodds, Marlene Calloway, Jennifer Enten, Lori Van Aken, Kelsey Durham, Rikki Wright and Coti Louthan

Admin Update

Great start to the year. Covey Clubs will start this week.

PTA Updates

- The first Spirit Night of the year will be held this Thursday at Chick-fil-A from 5:30–8 p.m.
- Mother-Son Night has been postponed, date to be determined.
- A sign-up will be sent out soon for volunteers to help build the tables in the butterfly garden.

Fall Festival

- Crystal reached out to 60 vendors regarding participation; only 8 responded that they were available to attend.
- The possibility of moving the festival to another week was discussed; however there was not one available.
- The option of having the vendors who were available attend on another night was also discussed, but spacing limitations would not allow for this.
- After discussion, it was decided that the festival will be cancelled for this year. Crystal will email vendors.

Book Vending Machine

- The book vending machine will continue this school year. Opt-out forms will need to be sent home to families first. Crystal will work with Mrs. Osborne to have the form translated into Spanish on the back side of the paper and will send the forms home as soon as possible. Jenifer Dodds will also notify families about the program during the weekly call-out when they are sent out.
- A Birthday Club will also be offered this year. The same forms will be used for those materials. It will include a certificate for the book vending machine and SIC volunteers will continue to use the coins and have students select their books each month.
- There are currently 427 books in stock. Book inventory breakdown:
    - Ages 3–6 / Grades Pre-K–1 – 273 books
    - Ages 5–8 / Grades K–3 – 75 books

    - Ages 7–10 / Grades 2–5 – 26 books
    - Ages 9–12 / Grades 4–6 – 30 books
    - Ages 10–14 / Grades 5–8 – 23 books

- SIC currently has $3,500 available in the budget. It was discussed and agreed that additional books should be purchased, particularly to provide a stronger selection for the upper grades. Stickers for the books will also be purchased at an estimated cost of $175 plus tax and fees. Potential book purchases:
    - My Weird School Special: Back to School, Weird Kids Rule! - $2 Grades: 1 - 4 Ages: 6 - 10
    - Wayside School Is Falling Down - $2 Grades: 3 - 5 Ages: 8 - 11
    - Baby-sitters Little Sister #17: Karen's Brothers - $2 Grades: 2 - 5 Ages: 7 - 10
    - Goosebumps®: Deep Trouble - $3 Grades: 3 - 7 Ages: 8 - 12
    - Hatchet by Gary Paulsen - $3 Grades: 5 - 8 Ages: 10 - and up
    - Lionel Messi: All Access by Emma Carlson Berne - $3 Grades: 2 - 5 Ages: 7 - 10
- Additional books from the I Survived series and The Bad Guys series were also suggested as potential purchases.
- Crystal will reach out to Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Meeks about ordering books.
- New books will be ordered in smaller sets throughout the year to help keep the vending machine selection fresh and engaging for students.

Board for the upcoming year - will be finalized during Oct. 5th meeting

Nominations and voting of seats for this year's SIC team schedule below . 5 parent nomination forms were received and Crystal will reach out to them.

- Teacher nominations
    - September 11–16: Nomination form will be open
    - September 22–75: Teachers cast their votes
    - September 30: Election results announced
- Parent nominations
    - September 7th: Nomination form sent home
    - September 14: Nominations due
    - September 21–25: Parent/Guardian voting
    - September 28: Election results announced

Additional Items Discussed

- Goals for the Year
    - Continue to build out and strengthen continuing goal established last year.
    - Reading remains an important area of focus; however, the school's primary academic goal is mathematics - fact fluency

- Math Fluency
    - The need for students to improve their math fact fluency was discussed, along with ideas for how SIC could support this goal.
    - A previous initiative was discussed in which Mr. Goodridge organized a March Math Bracket. Volunteers would be needed to help coordinate and support a similar event. Crystal will reach out to Mr. Goodridge for additional details.

- It was discussed creating a “black belt” style system in which students could earn different colors or levels as they progress throughout the year. Kelsey expressed interest in helping develop this idea.
- Jennifer Enten shared that she had used a color bead system at other schools to recognize student progress, which could be another option to consider.
- Everyone will continue to brainstorm ways to coordinate the program, encourage participation, and motivate both individual students and classes.
- The possibility of using the That Quiz website to track student progress was also discussed. This could be an option for students in grades 2–5, as they have access to computers.
- Kindergarten and first-grade students do not currently have computer access and would need to complete activities on paper.
- Further discussion is needed to determine the best way to implement a progress-tracking system for all grade levels.

Upcoming dates

- SIC meeting October 5th
- Fall Fest for 26-27 school year - October 10th – CANCELLED

Meeting ended at 12:42 p.m