

***Mercer County Senior High***  
***SBDM Council***  
***Special Called Meeting***  
March 4, 2019 – **Official Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tatum at 5:00 p.m. in the media center. The following members of the council were in attendance:

<b>Present :</b> Spencer Tatum, Principal Ekambaram Elumalai, Teacher Kathi Lawrence, Teacher Brian Rowland, Teacher MaryAlice McClain, Parent Kelly Newsom, Parent	<b>Absent:</b>
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**Agenda Approval**

*Motion to accept:* Newsom, second by Elumalai  
Motion was approved by consensus.

**New Business**

Mr. Tatum shared the Staff Allocations for 2019-20 document. According to the numbers MCSH is down two certified positions. He explained the district allocation guidelines.

Mrs. Russell explained 8<sup>th</sup> grade numbers had been accounted for based on test scores, previous requests and class enrollment. Goss and Russell implemented the google forms with English classes. The Trailblazer Academy commitment is a minimum of 3 english periods so that leaves 2 sections short in english. Mercer Central requirement is 5 periods (1 full teacher). Elumalai expressed concern about AP Stats not making a section and Physics must be built up since it's the first time we're offering it. McClain also expressed concern about Physics saying engineering students need it and inquired about the online option. Social Studies sections work out even. Health & PE will be completed in a semester next year so this department is over 6.5 periods. Ag is 5 periods over. Business has more sections than staff so personal finance students can be moved to Money Skills. FCS has 5 periods above requests. Engineering needs 3 so 2 could be used at MC for math/science. Music & Humanities are 2 sections short. Band could be traded for 1 Spanish period at KMS. Foreign Language has 3 extra sections. Arts ections work out even.

Mr. Tatum reiterated that our students drive the courses offered based on the requests and based on the district allocation. Rowland asked for Tatum's suggestion for solving the problem. Tatum recommends hiring 1 english position, reduce 1 PE position, reduce 1 Ag position, and reduce 1 FCS position.

**Public Comments**

Miranda Goodlett, Mike Jones, Jody Paver, Aimee Darland, Michelle Hassall, Julia Snellen, Jaziel Guerra, Kim Dailey

**SBDM discussion:**

Elumalai said our population must be considered. We are not student centered now if we cut classes. Tatum explained that 0.7 positions could be considered to get to a reduction of 2 staff. Elumalai suggested a day for marketing courses. We must market our programs such as a day in the gymnasium. Mr. Tatum explained that he wanted to give the council time to discuss with others and come back on Wednesday for decisions.

A special called SBDM meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the media center. The next regular monthly meeting will be on March 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room. The SBDM council was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. The motion was made by McClain and seconded by Rowland. Motion was approved by consensus.

*Submitted by Lee Goss, recording secretary*