



WEST HARDIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Based Decision Making

Council Members

Stephanie Brothers, Parent
Kayla Honaker, Parent
Christin Swords, Principal

Candace Perry, Teacher
Sarah Sams, Teacher
Amelia Tarrence, Teacher

May 28, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:50.

Members Present: Stephanie Brothers (virtual), Kayla Honaker, Sarah Sams, Amelia Tarrence, Candace Perry and Christin Swords

Guests Present: N/A

Approval of Agenda: Candace Perry motioned to approve the agenda, and Sarah Sams seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

Approval of Minutes: Stephanie Brothers motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes with amendments to correct two typos, and Sarah Sams seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

Celebrations: Teacher Appreciation Week was a great success, and the council expressed deep gratitude for our many community sponsors as well as our PTSA for their support. Testing also went very well this year, especially with our schedule falling toward the end of the KSA window, which allowed us to maintain instructional momentum all the way to the end of the school year, leaving only a few days remaining after testing concluded. The awards day ceremonies on the last day of school were very well attended, and we are seeking feedback to help improve the Raptor pre-registration process so that the flow of families entering the building continues to be smooth. For those who chose to pre-register, the process worked extremely well and moved very quickly.

This was our first year offering the 8th Grade Farewell Picnic, and it appeared to have a positive impact on 8th-grade attendance on the last day of school, with many students choosing to stay for the picnic. We are appreciative of our PTSA for helping provide a free T-shirt to every eighth grader as part of the signing party, giving students a keepsake that is especially meaningful for those who may not be able to purchase a yearbook. Our talent show was also a great success, and we are very grateful to Caroline Borders for running the entire event as we continue exploring ways to increase student participation in the future.

The Youth Service Center's end-of-year snapshot highlighted the extensive support provided to families and students. Miss Morris was able to provide holiday assistance to fourteen families, School Smiles dental services to fifty-five students, and seven Thanksgiving meals to families. Additionally, five students received Hope Collaborative mentorship, twenty-eight students were referred for mental health services, and fourteen families participated in the Food Share program.



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Student Achievement: End-of-course assessment results for our advanced math classes were shared with the council. Of the fourteen students enrolled in Honors Math 6, twelve students were able to meet two of the three required criteria to remain on the advanced math pathway. In Accelerated Math, twenty-two of the twenty-six students met two out of the three criteria. Among the twenty-eight students taking Algebra I, twenty-one students met the same benchmark. Additionally, all four students enrolled in Geometry met the criteria necessary to continue in the advanced math track. The importance of this pathway was discussed in depth, particularly regarding how early placement beginning in sixth grade influences students' long-term preparation for the Academies at EC3 and shapes the trajectory of their high school math coursework.

Budget: The 26–27 PPA budget was reviewed with the committee. Based on the current projected enrollment of 544 students at \$120 per student, the school will receive a per-pupil allocation of \$65,280. When combined with the carryover funds from the current school year, the full budget was examined along with planned expenditures and the amounts allocated for each category for the 26–27 school year. Sarah Sams made a motion to approve the 26–27 PPA budget, and Amelia Torrance seconded the motion. The budget passed by consensus. In addition, the committee reviewed the technology licenses being purchased with Title I funds, which include NoRedInk, IXL, MyKidsBank, SmartPass, and TCI.

New Business: The accident report for the month of May was reviewed. Spring i-Ready data for the district was also summarized, with eighth-grade growth continuing to be a highlight, along with strong reading growth across all three grade levels. Math growth and goals for the 26–27 school year were discussed, with a particular focus on strengthening sixth- and seventh-grade math. The technology plan for the 26–27 school year was reviewed, noting that West Hardin will no longer operate as a one-to-one device school. Instead, Chromebook carts will be available in each classroom, allowing teachers to access technology as needed to support instruction. A suggestion was made to incorporate a reflection form into the grading policy, aligned to our POL competencies of responsible citizen and personal champion. A draft of the updated grading policy will be reviewed at the upcoming SBDM meeting. CSIP Phase IV was also discussed, including its connection to the professional development planned for this summer. Sarah Sams motioned to move into closed session for consultation on hiring. Stephanie Brothers seconded the motion. It passed by consensus. Christin Swords shared interview results with the council for the following positions: Math teacher, ELA teacher, Agriculture teacher, Girls Basketball head coach, Girls Basketball assistant coach. Amelia Tarrence motioned to go into Open Session, and Kayla Honaker seconded the motion. It passed by consensus. Amelia Tarrence motioned to hire Richard Argueta as a Math teacher, Carissa Argueta as an ELA teacher, Mattie Mink as an Agriculture teacher, Kevan Alford as Girls Basketball head coach and Kaitie Logsdon as Girls Basketball assistant coach. Kayla Honaker seconded the motion, and it passed by consensus.



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Upcoming Items/Calendar Review: Upcoming events include: STEM Summer Camp, Open House

Adjournment: Candace Perry motioned to adjourn, and Sarah Sams seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

