

McCracken County High School
August 11, 2026
SBDM Minutes

I. Call to Order

Members present: Jonathan Smith, Drake Williams, Niki Bobo, Tiffany Watson, April Dunning, Shand Stamper, Marissa Wells

Guests present: Jennifer Hunter, Jennifer Scism, Lisa Stephenson, Sheri Tilford, Bre Sykes, Amanda Irvan, Jacob Simmons, Stephanie Barnes

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Niki Bobo, seconded by Shand Stamper. Approved by consensus.

III. Approval of July Minutes

Motion made by Drake Williams, seconded by Tiffany Watson. Approved by consensus.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Financial Report

Activity - 689,284.11

General - 248,111.85

Motion made by Niki Bobo, seconded by Tiffany Watson. Approved by consensus.

VI. Principals' Report

a. Jonathan Smith (Good News Report; Academy Update; Facilities)

- Data Link is working this week into the building to install badge scanner/readers in Houses 1 and 5. These should be operational by end of the week.
- Our new soccer scoreboard has been installed by Signco and should be operational for tonight's home opener game vs Calloway.
- The parking lot for our fall sports facilities located behind the football field and fieldhouse was opened this past Friday with access from Old Highway 60. This will be used for first responders, officials, admin, and coaches.
- Fall sports are officially competing. Boys and Girls soccer have both competed in their opening scrimmages; boys soccer Friday with 8 teams from the tristate region and compete this weekend at Henry County. Volleyball has competed in the Bluegrass games going 5-1 and hosts a super scrimmage this weekend against Bowling Green and Dyer County. Cross Country and Marching Band have both been hard at work as well, and most of our sports are working around the heat.

- Shout out to our academy principals and counselors. They have worked a lot of long hours over the last 3 weeks to finalize our master schedule and plan for opening day of school last week. 1st week of school traffic was great. We have begun school on time each of the last 4 days.
- Final proof for MCHS Hall of Fame to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Our - induction ceremony for the inaugural class will be prior to our home opener football game.

Academy Report:

- Last week, MCHS hosted our 3 academy training days. Lots of praise to be given to Ms. Hunt, Mr. Akin, Ms. Gregory, and Dr. Stephenson for a tremendous amount of planning to implement 3 successful days. Also, shout out to last year's Freshman Academy staff for their part in the work.
- Also, we want to give a ton of praise to our community partners who hosted our academy staff and provided them with lunch.
TBH - CFSB Southside
HEPS - Mercy Health
AEST - WKCTC/UK College of Engineering
- The theme of the day was to catch everyone up on our strategic plan, academy staffing assignments, academy roles and job descriptions.
- Academy Branding has been finalized along with our 1st 1 pager explaining the academies.
- The Academies of McCracken website has been launched and includes a 2-minute video explaining the academy model.
- Team Lead meetings began last week and have been continuing this week. 10th and 11th /12th team plc meetings will begin tomorrow with the focus of academy identity, discussing student concerns/celebrations. We are looking at a way to consolidate our team lead meetings for 9-12 academies.
- Our national presentation to Ford NGL has been postponed from this week until September 30.
 - Our 1st implementation and strategic plan meeting for the 2026-2027 school year is this upcoming Monday to discuss our strategic plan and goals/objectives/responsible parties for this school year related to our academy work.

b. Jennifer Scism (Freshman Academy Update)

- Team Lead meetings were held today. Talked about lesson plans for Freshman Fundamentals and Freshman Connection - Clubs during Herd time first week of September.

c. Amanda Irvan (Academy Purity, IC Grade, Assessment)

- 1st Raw KHSA Data is back. We will know more before December how we did.
- We have some upcoming assessments: PSAT - Oct and ACT - Oct 27

- The school will pay for the Seniors to take the ACT. Juniors and Sophomores will pay for the PSAT and ACT.
- Weighted Grade Categories - Decision was made from IC due to major problems with grade book.
- MSU Professors will be touring on Friday. Classes COM161 and Cyber Security
- Academic Update - Purity
100% - Sophomores
Employee - Split
Herd - Grade & Academy specific
Counselors are continuing to work on students' schedules.

d. Sheri Tilford (WBL, Welding and Electrical Pathways Update)

- Welding and Electrical are at capacity on both levels.
- Work Base Learning/ Co-Op - 65-70 students qualify

e. Jake Simmons (Class Meetings and Behavior)

Class meetings will be held this week to talk about the behavior matrix.

VII. MCHS Equity and Access Update

a. Bre Podunajec(Family Resource Youth Services)

- Good first few days of school. There have been lots of school supplies and feminine supplies given. Mercy Health has provided more hygiene products this year. There is also feminine hygiene products installed in the bathrooms.
- Backpack Program will begin after Labor Day by the McCracken County Extension Office.
- Floss & Gloss will be coming twice this year. September 8,9,10th and March 18,22, and 23. There will be Dentist present with them again this year.

VIII. Old Business

a. MCHS Foreign Exchange Students

Mr. Smith has reviewed the counselors. This school year there will be no additions. We will continue to have 5. Counselors will work on proposals for next year.

IX. New Business

a. Finance/Budget Advising Committee 2026-2027

Mr. Smith is looking to put together a committee to review how SBDM money is spent. He is looking for opinions on what kind of people should be on the committee. Mr. Smith and Mr. Williams will get together to finalize details for next month.

b. 2026-2027 MCHS Health and Wellness Policy Review

Approved

X. Closing Comments; September Meeting Date/Time

September 8 @ 2:45 in Library

Motion made by Shand Stamper, seconded by Niki Bobo, approved by consensus.

XI. Executive Session (If Needed)