Marsteller Advisory Council (MAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2026
Call to order: 5:01 p.m.

Attendees: Lisa Warner, LeeAnn Buchheit, Jennifer DeFazio, Kristen Hugues, Karla Martinez, Ashley Weiser, Soshani Dike, Rhea Nesbitt, Tita Simon and Student Representative Maddie Abbott.

Welcome and Introductions
Meeting called to order by Lisa Warner. Members and guests introduced themselves and shared their roles. New families and student representatives were welcomed.

Definition and Purpose of the Advisory Council
Mrs. Warner reviewed the purpose of the Advisory Council as a collaborative group of parents, students, teachers, and staff that discusses school operations, enrollment, staffing, budget matters, and school improvement initiatives.

Election of Officers
Officer positions were reviewed. Due to limited attendance and lack of nominations, elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Timekeeper were postponed until the November meeting.

Administrator's Report
Enrollment stands at 1,122 students compared to a projected 1,124. Current staffing includes 77 certified staff and 13 instructional assistants. The approved budget aligns closely with projections, and the school maintains approximately $410,000 in flexible funds.

Superintendent's Advisory Council Report
Rhea Nesbitt shared updates regarding grading regulation changes, parent communication resources, and upcoming discussions related to accreditation, SOL updates, and flexible credit options.

New Business
Members discussed barriers to participation, including work schedules and after-school activities. The council considered alternative meeting times and outreach strategies to increase parent participation.

- Decision – Ms. Warner suggested the November meeting be moved to 7 p.m. to evaluate whether a later meeting time increases participation.

Additional Announcements
Math and Science Information Night was discussed, along with outreach efforts to feeder elementary schools.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:38 p.m. Next meeting: November 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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