

2025- 26 MHS Site Council Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 4/6/26

Meeting Time: 7:30AM-8:15AM

Meeting Location: Melrose High School Learning Commons (LC-5)

Present: Jason Merrill, Anthony DiBenedetto, Gerry Mroz, Kade Chapman, Jeff Bentley

Absent: Sumin Kang

Agenda:

1. Approval of past meeting minutes
2. Check in on goal progress (get through full document)
3. Plan next meeting time
4. Look to next year (involvement, year 2 goals, timing)

Notes:

- 2/3/26 Meeting Minutes Approved (unanimous)
- Review Improvement Plan for status

- Goal 1: Academic Expectations
 - No draft created yet
 - Working with Vision of a Graduate
 - Goal is to have one by the end of the year

- Goal 2: College and Career Readiness
 - Partnership started this year with Peterson School, current senior is part time working towards electrical
 - College fair in Melrose?
 - More availability for kids
 - What would it take to get off the ground?
 - Colleges, post high school programs
 - More access for ELL and or students with disabilities
 - Guidance interns next year for support?
 - Reach out to trades, more have been highlighted this year
 - College information night for Juniors
 - Well attended, over 100 in attendance
 - Precursor to the financial night senior year
 - Expand to 10th grade next year
 - Interns help to update the toolkit?

- Goal 3: Building & Facilities
 - Bathroom project
 - Start summer of 2026
 - Two phases, complete summer of 2027

- Mostly existing footprint, but re-organized
- Roof project
 - Work continues to repair roof
 - Leaks over LC
- Repair front of MS Stairs
- Jason asked for stairs from Melrose St. towards courtyard to be addressed
- Most common requests from kids are bathrooms and the cafeteria
 - Big picture front of building, front lobby
 - Outside the box ideas: hockey rink? Pool? Improvements that could generate rentals

- Goal 4: Communication to all stakeholders
 - Same structure for METCO next year?
 - What does our LPAC team look like?
 - Overseen by Ms. Acevedo
 - One teacher at HS & MS
 - HS scheduled 5th class, be able to support teachers and students in different classrooms
 - Feasibility of adding staff?
 - MS one counselor has all ELs

- Next meeting May 4th.