## Madison Central High School SBDM Minutes for June 17, 2020

The Madison Central High School SBDM Council met virtually on Wednesday, June 17, at 3:15 p.m. with Principal Brandon Fritz presiding. Members present were: Kevin Presnell, Kristy Johnson, Bethany Briscoe, Noema Fernandez, Jennifer Ramsey, Melissa Gossett, and Floyd T. Ballew.

## **Opening business**

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brandon Fritz.
- B. The MCHS Mission Statement was read by Bethany Briscoe, and Mr. Fritz reminded council members that all decisions should be based on our mission and student achievement.
- C. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bethany Briscoe and seconded by Floyd Ballew.
- D. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Kristy Johnson and seconded by Kevin Presnell.
- E. Public Comments: None
- F. Good News Reports: Mr. Fritz shared with the council that the past week and a half has been a tough week for MCHS, we had a former student diagnosed with a mass on the brain, which thankfully has a good prognosis and then this week we have struggled with the loss of one of our students, Emanuel "Manny" Prewitt. We ask that you continue to pray for the family, our students, and our community. Fritz shared that Father Jim Shicko and his missionary have offered to pay for the funeral. He stated he would also like to brag on the Danville community who have shown so much love to the Prewitt family and our community during this difficulty, offering a facility to gather, providing food, and just all of the support they have shown. The MCHS football team is going to give back by going down there this summer and doing some pressure washing services and grounds work at the facility to show our appreciation. Two prayer vigils have been held her at MCHS with hundreds in attendance. Proud of our school and our students that they have chosen to turn to prayer at this time and for the compassion and love that the students have demonstrated throughout this difficulty. We have some amazing students. Mr. Fritz also shared that he had attended the BLM rally in Richmond, which was organized by some of our former and current students. He was very proud of the leadership role these students demonstrated and for the support our community showed. Fritz thanked council member, Ballew for the heartfelt prayer he delivered at the rally. Fritz also stated that he has been meeting with Mayor Blythe and Coach Miller to formulate plans to ensure that there is equality within our school. We are one of the only Kentucky schools with a Minority Advisor already in place, so he feels like we are heading in the right direction for growth. Mrs. Briscoe added that in light of all the division we have been seeing in our nation, she was very thankful and proud that we already had a Minority Advisor in place and that our school has been working towards creating this unity. Mr. Presnell also added that seeing the students at the rally and at the prayer vigil, he was so proud of the compassion they have shown and that we are putting good kids out into the community. Fritz continued that we will be working to establish a Minority Advisor Team next year that will be comprised of our students. Fritz will meet with them regularly to hear their concerns and see where they think we may make improvements within our school. He is excited about this opportunity to get their feedback and give them a voice and make sure they feel valued. He asked Mr. Ballew for thoughts and he replied that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done, but he sees positive things being done and hopes that we will just continue to move forward with that positivity to ensure all kids are treated equally. Next school year's theme will be "Love and Unity". Fritz stated that he felt this was a very appropriate theme considering all that he has seen from our students, our school and our community recently. He is excited for that to be our mission and just to continue

building, learning and growing in this direction. Mrs. Briscoe thanked Mr. Fritz for the guidance and love he has shown our school and community during all of these difficult times.

G. General Reports: No general reports at this time.

## Old business:

## **New business:**

- Consultation: Closed Session under the authority of KRS61.810(1)(f). A motion to go into closed session for consultation purposes was made by Kevin Presnell and seconded by Bethany Briscoe. A motion to come out of closed session was made by Kristy Johnson and seconded by Noema Fernandez.
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Parent Points None.

**Set Time for Next Meeting:** The next SBDM virtual meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15th, at 3:15 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn by Kevin Presnell and seconded by Melissa Gossett.