MINUTES

Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, November 6, 2025
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @9:36

Courtney Allgood
Jennifer Carney
Dr. Kelly Lathem – Chairperson
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith – Secretary
Michael Weaver – Vice-Chairperson
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of September Minutes (attached) @9:40

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

B. Next Meeting –

Thur., Feb. 19 at 9:30 am

Thur., March 26 at 9:30 am

IV. Adjournment @10:04

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Agenda for Magnet School Council
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Thursday, September 25, 2025
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @9:37

Courtney Allgood (not in attendance)
Jennifer Carney
Dr. Kelly Lathem (zoom)
Crystal Schlieman (not in attendance)
Kaitlin Smith
Michael Weaver
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of April Minutes (attached) @9:38

III. New Business

C. Principal's Report (see attached)

D. New Council Members - Election of New Officers for the 2025-26 School Year
Approved @10:03
   a. Chairperson (must be a parent)-Kelly Lathem
   b. Vice-Chairperson-Michael Weaver
   c. Secretary-Kaitlin Smith

Article XI: Officers of the School Council

The officers of the school council shall be a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. Officers of the school council shall be elected at the first meeting of the school council following the election of school council members. The term of the officers of the school council shall be one year.

The chairperson, which shall be a parent, shall develop the agenda for all meetings, preside at all meetings of the school council, and perform such duties as may be required by the school council.

The vice chairperson shall, in the absence of the chairperson, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the chairperson and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the school council.

The secretary shall act as the clerk of the school council, record all votes and minutes of all proceedings, give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the school council, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the council.

E. Service Years –
   Courtney Allgood – June 2026
   Jennifer Carney – June 2027
   Dr. Kelly Lathem – June 2026
   Crystal Schlieman – June 2027
   Kaitlin Smith – June 2026
   Michael Weaver – June 2027

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IV. Adjournment

Motivating, Valuing and Empowering Students for Success

Magnet School Council

Principal's Report

September 25, 2025

- September enrollment update – 653 students enrolled (8 more than last year)
  - K-3rd – average class size 22 (19-25)
  - 4th-5th – average class size 25 (23-26)

- New Staff:
  - Kindergarten: Amanda Nichols
  - 1st Grade: Faith Bixler, April Crocker, Rebecca Fisher
  - 2nd Grade: Linzie Thompson
  - 4th Grade: Christa Livingston
  - Special Programs: Jessyca Nash and Amy Pardue
  - SRO: Bob Watterson (we share Officer Bob with Wauka Mountain)

- Communication – similar format as last year –
  - Friday classroom folders/newsletters (some grade levels are doing a monthly newsletter)
  - Thursday principal newsletter
  - School website, Twitter, Remind

- Families – next meeting next Friday morning

- Benchmark Workshop – K-5th grade core literacy curriculum (2nd year full implementation)

- Eureka Math^2 – K-5th grade math curriculum (3rd year full implementation)

- Completing beginning of the year assessments and 1st quarter instructional planning
  - GKIDS
  - Amira K-3rd Reading Fluency Screener (Family report came home 9/25/25)
  - MAP K-5th (Family report came home 9/12/25)

- Literacy and Math professional learning continues
  - Benchmark Coach sessions (Kayla Holmes)
  - RESA Coach sessions (Barbara Coleman from RESA)
  - Eureka walkthroughs
    - Eureka specialist has been very impressed with the critical thinking that the students are participating in.
  - Peer observations

- Math Fluency Masters – will recognize 1st and 2nd semester

- Great success last year and the math fact mastery increased with this incentive.
- New t-shirt design this year.
- This is helping students work towards academic goals.
- All students have a celebration folder where they monitor goals (for several areas).

- 1S1B
  - Mrs. Schlieman gives a good recommendation for a book.
    - One concern-how they talk about when the dog uses the restroom (says something similar to "he pees on thing.")

Upcoming Dates

- October 2 - 6:00 Watch DOGS Pizza Night

  School Custodian Day
- October 3 -
  - Families
  - Pumpkin Picnic
- October 10 - 1st Quarter Report Cards
- October 13-14 - Holiday for Students/Staff
- October 15 - Teacher Workday (no school for students)
- October 20-24 - Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- October 27 – 31 – "Be Kind, Be Strong, Be Well" theme/dress-up week
- October 27 – November 7 - Food Drive Challenge

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- Literacy and Math professional learning continues
  - Benchmark Coach classroom sessions K/1, 2/3, 4/5
  - Eureka sessions on PL/workday
  - Peer observations
  - Grade level professional learning community (PLC) teams

- Math Fact Fluency Masters – will recognize again this year – November, February and May
  - Goal (K): Counting to 100 by 1s and 10s
  - Goal (1): addition and subtraction within 10
  - Goal (2): addition and subtraction within 20
  - Goal (3): addition, subtraction, and multiplication within 20
  - Goal (4-5): addition, subtraction, and multiplication within 20, and division within 100

- Grade level parent conferences are going well!

- Museum Nights beginning soon! (4th and 5th grade 11/20/25)

- MAP Growth midyear testing K-5 – December

- December dates will be shared before Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Dates

- November 7 – Families
- November 10-14 – One and Done
- November 11 – Veterans Day Walk of Honor and Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- November 20 – 4th & 5th Grade Museum Night
- November 21 – One and Done Celebration
- November 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break

- Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Allgood commented on how wonderful the new morning car rider time is. It is going well.

- Dr. Lathem recommended heaters for the staff working car riders, but that may be a safety hazard. Ms. Westbrook will check on this and put it as a wish list item. PTO does provide hot hands for the staff, and they are able to monitor in shifts during the very cold days.

- Dr. Lathem is on the advisory board for the county. She stated that the main topic was student technology at school (watches, phones, smart glasses, etc.) Phone storage in classrooms were talked about, but a decision has not been made yet.