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Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, April 24, 2025
12:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @12:38

Courtney Allgood (Vice-Chairperson) (on Zoom)
Colette Hollifield (Chairperson)
Dr. Kelly Lathem (on Zoom)
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith (Secretary)
Mollie Stowe
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of February Minutes (attached) @12:39

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

B. Service Years and New Members for 2025-26
Courtney Allgood – June 2026
Colette Hollifield – June 2025
Dr. Kelly Lathem – June 2026
Crystal Schlieman – June 2025
Kaitlin Smith – June 2026
Mollie Stowe – June 2025

C. Next Meeting –

TBD 1st Quarter 2025-26 School Year

IV. Adjournment @1:08

Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, February 20, 2025
12:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @12:40

Courtney Allgood (Vice-Chairperson)
Colette Hollifield (Chairperson)
Dr. Kelly Lathem
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith (Secretary)
Mollie Stowe
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of December Minutes (attached) @12:42

III. New Business

D. Principal's Report

E. Next Meeting –

Thur., April 24 at 12:30 pm

IV. Adjournment @1:34

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Magnet School Council

Principal's Report

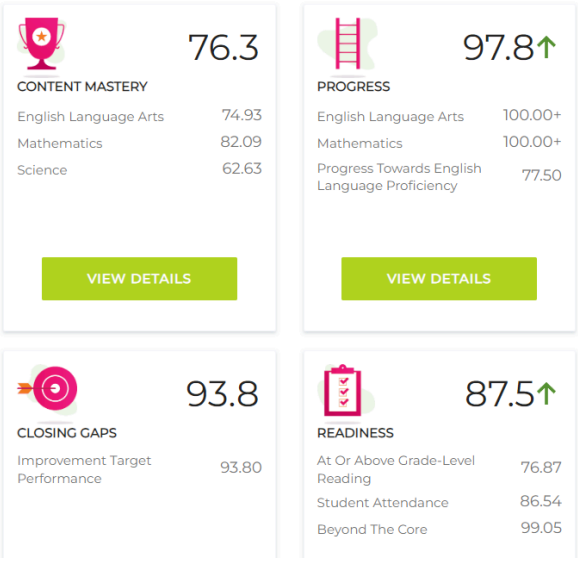
February 20, 2025

- Enrollment update – 643 students enrolled
  - K-3rd – average class size 22 (18-24)
  - 4th-5th – average class size 26 (25-28)

- Welcome Mrs. Allison Harper to 3rd grade!

- Congrats MVES Technology Competition participants and winners! (pictured and listed in 1/30 newsletter)

- CCRPI – state data report
  https://ccrpi.gadoe.org/Reports/Views/Shared/_Layout.html (Select ELEMENTARY report type)



- MVES won an award for Georgia Literacy Leaders for 3rd and 4th grade.

- MAP Growth midyear progress
  - The district is digging into 2nd grade data across the district.

- Kindergarten Registration and Orientation "Welcome to Kindergarten/Future Explorers"
  - K Registration begins March 10
  - Families will be invited to Future Explorers in place of K Camp (for students who are registered):
    - Friday, March 28 Connections

        - Wednesday, April 23 Connections
        - Thursday, May 1 Learning Commons, Cafeteria, Kindergarten

- 1School1Book Kick-Off – communication
    - Ms. Westbrook will type up communication and share with Magnet Council to approve before sending it out to parents.

Upcoming Dates

- February 21 – One School One Book kick-off
- February 24-28 – One and Done annual fundraiser
- February 27 – Spring Picture Day
- February 28 – Last day to buy a yearbook
- Week of March 3 – Read Across America

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April 24, 2025

- April enrollment update – 646 students enrolled
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- 4th Quarter Update:
  - Teacher teams are planning for a strong finish to 2024-25 and beginning to plan for 2025-26 school year
  - New 2025-26 team members participating in Spring and Summer planning as much as possible:
    - Amanda Nichols, Kindergarten
    - Faith Bixler and April Crocker, 1st Grade
    - Julie Anne Smith and Linzie Thompson, 2nd Grade
    - Jennifer Carney and Christa Livingston, 4th Grade
    - Jessyca Nash, Special Education

- Spring assessments – April and May – focusing on growth and information for differentiation and planning
  - GKIDS K
  - (completed) MAP K-5th
  - MAP Reading Fluency K-3rd-reports coming home in Tuesday Folder 4/29/25
  - EOG Milestones 3rd-5th
  - Hall County Math Fluency 1st-5th

- Future Explorers – last visit May 1st for registered families
  - 10:00-11:30-upcoming kindergartens will eat lunch in lunchroom

- 2025-26 CNA/SIP (Consolidated Needs Assessment/School Improvement Plan)
  - Stakeholder survey shared through newsletter and website
  - Input from Magnet – What are some areas of strength? Growth areas?
    - Strengths
      - Good/smooth year
    - Growth
      - Car Rider Clings-could they correlate with the middle/high school
      - More field trips (making sure to have two)
      - Question: Will 5th grade remain self-contained? How do the middle schoolers do with the change to changing classes?

        - Have teachers complete a “My Favorite Things” sheet for parents (possibly keep in the front office)
    - Sign-in sheet

- Jennifer Carney and Michael Weaver will be joining Magnet Council. Mollie Stowe and Collete Hollifield will be rolling off.

Upcoming Dates

- April 22-May 2 – Online Art Show
- April 24 – Talent Show
- April 29 – 3rd-5th Grade Progress Reports & K-5th Grade MAP Reports
- May 5-9 – Staff Appreciation Week


2025 MVES
Spring Events
April 24 : Talent Show
April 22 - May 2 : Online Art Show
May 5-12 : EOG Testing (3rd-5th Grade)
* May 13 : K-2nd Grade Field Day
* May 14 :5th Grade Trojan Olympics @ NHMS
* May 15 : 3rd-5th Grade Field Day
May 16 : Families
* May 16 : 5th Grade Frances Meadows Trip
* May 19-21 : Class Parties
Monday, May 19 : 2nd & 5th Grade
Tuesday, May 20 : K & 4th Grade
Wednesday, May 21 : 1st & 3rd Grade
* May 22 : 5th Grade Walk & Awards
* RSVP Events *