

SOT Meeting Minutes - Thursday, February 12, 2026

Members in attendance:

Darla Richards (principal)

Sharon Pope (teacher)

Sarah Vidal (teacher)

Kirsten Vollman (support staff)

Amanda Brown (parent)

Lisa Hadley (parent)

Roseanne Sinclair (parent)

Members not in attendance:

Angela Perri (parent)

Meeting called to order at 2:40pm.

The motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Amanda to approve the minutes from the last SOT meeting on January 29, 2026.

Angela Perri, a parent elected to SOT 25-26, has enrolled her daughter elsewhere and will no longer be able to serve. According to the bylaws, the runner-up during the election process is given the opportunity to serve on SOT. The runner-up was Drew Jacobson. Sharon will reach out to Drew to see if she would like to serve at this time. If not, we will need fill the vacancy by appointment/vote to complete the remaining portion of Angela's term.

Budget and Appeal information:

Mrs. Richards has written and submitted the appeal to ask for two full-time educators (FTE.) The two FTEs requested in the appeal are a PE teacher and a first grade teacher. Last year, Mrs. Richards wrote an appeal that was only partially funded. Mrs. Richards was very clear in the appeal that partial funding would not be helpful. If the PE teacher is funded, the monies must go toward that FTE, and vice versa for the 1st grade teacher.

The idea of a combo class is not allowed/suggested. Mr. Solomon discouraged a combo 3/4 class letting us know that those types of classes no longer get approved by the district. That is off the table for now.

Open enrollment - McDoniel has 72 seats available. Hoping for upper grade students to use the open enrollment option. This would be helpful toward the budget. There are several kindergarten slots filling up through open enrollment already.

Appeal information should be coming in the next few days. Mrs. Richards will share information with Sharon who will then share with SOT via text or email.

Budget - Voting:

Mrs. Richards presented 4 budget options and SOT voted on each option.

2026-2027 Budget Options

Option 1 (Full Appeal Approved)

Kinder	3
1st	3
2nd	2
3rd	2
4th	2
5th	2
Specialists	3
Total	17

SOT voted 7:0 to approve this as the option if the full appeal is approved

Option 2 (PE FTE Funded)

Kinder	3
1st	2
2nd	2
3rd	2
4th	2
5th	2
Specialists	3
Total	16

SOT voted 7:0 to approve this as the option if only the PE teacher portion of the appeal is approved.

Option 3 (1st Grade FTE funded)

Kinder	3
1st	3
2nd	2
3rd	2
4th	2
5th	2
Specialists	2
Total	16

SOT voted 7:0 to approve this as the option if only the 1st grade teacher portion of the appeal is approved.

Option 4 (no additional funding)

Kinder	3
1st	2
2nd	2
3rd	2
4th	2
5th	2
Specialists	2
Total	15

SOT voted 5:2 to approve this as the option if neither FTE is funded through the appeal.

School Plan of Operation: Midyear Progress Review

- Goal #1 is to increase the percentage of students achieving at or above the 61st percentile from 60% to 65% on the ELA MAP assessment, spring 2025 to spring 2026. In October we were at 40% and in February we are at 60%. On our way to meeting this goal. Success comes from focusing heavily on small group instruction with more intentional planning.
- Goal #2 is a goal to increase classroom educational performance reflected on the Tier 1 monitoring guide during admin observations from 49% to 55%. Currently at 60% in this goal.
- Goal #3 is to reduce chronic absenteeism from 5.5% to 5.0%. We are sitting at 6.7%. Parents of chronically absent students will receive a phone call during spring break to have a conversation about end of the year attendance. This is just one effort that will be made to successfully reach this goal.

Adjournment:

The meeting was called to adjourn by Lisa at 3:24pm and seconded by Amanda. The next SOT meeting will be March 12, 2026 at 2:30pm in the Conference Room.