



# association of california school administrators committees & councils

## Minutes/Meeting Notes

### Middle Grades Education Council

November 4, 2020

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

[Zoom](#)

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#### All Councils: Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary Education

9:30 – 9:40 AM

Welcome & [Introductions](#) ([Council Roster](#))

[EE, MGE, SE Council-Sponsored Leadership Summit Presentations](#)

Notes:

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#### Breakout Room: Middle Grades & Secondary Education Councils

9:40 – 10:10 AM

Open Business Meeting ([ACSA Mission](#); Adopt Agenda; Approve Meeting Minutes; Affirm Council [Purpose](#), [Mission](#))  
NASSP Spotlight

**ACSA NASSP State Coordinator: Derrick Lawson**

Notes: Derrick Lawson presented NASSP. Talked about DC. Thunder claps, electronic blasts. Went through the NASSP website, mostly GR.

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10:10 – 10:30 AM

**Governmental Relations Update**

**ACSA GR Staff: Laura Preston, Legislative Advocate**

**Edgar Zazueta, Sr Director State & Federal Govt Relations**

Notes:

General discussion regarding election. Prop 15 currently not passing. School funding is the big picture. Testing...Unions no. looking for waiver maybe optional. Leg agenda for next year - due to covid bills were held. Leg not clear on what they will tackle next year. Assembly virtual testifying, now moving to in person.

## **Breakout Room: Middle Grades Education Council**

### **10:30 – 11:00 AM    Open Forum**

Notes: Hybrid return, Math PE Electives. How to reopen with cohorts, teachers move, students move? Schedules... Scott Nicatero small school open explained how it is working and what they are doing. Bhavna, Nicki, Mistee, Terri had input. Great discussion. Health agreement. Return contracts, have to stay or remain on distance learning. Bhavna, two transition points where they can move in or out. Health Checks at the gate? Using Apps for students and staff. Testing of students and staff... concerning issue of what constitutes a visit to the isolation room. Skynet...camera to take temperature of all that pass. also determines if a mask is on or off.

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### **11:00 – 11:20 AM    Share Best Practices for Staff (Teachers, Principals) Self-Care, Morale**

Notes: Scott rotating lunch rooms for teachers. James district is providing wellness seminars. Lawn signs, writing to his teachers. Learning pods are coming to his site. Staffing a large issue to be able to return to in person learning. Bhavna social distanced lunch. Pre-staff meeting hangout time.

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### **11:20 – 11:30 AM    ACSA Online Learning Center Scavenger Hunt**

Notes: Cancelled

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### **11:30 – 11:50 AM    Virtual Lunch Break**

Notes:

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### **11:50 AM – Noon    Wellness Activity was cancelled added in the traditional reading of ACSA and MGEC Mission statements, purposes etc...**

Notes: Reading of the Mission statement and purposes.

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### **Noon – 1:30 PM    Election: Council President-Elect**

#### **Candidate: Mistee Hightower Guzman (R6)**

Notes: Mike invited the group to review the meeting summary. Bhavna moved to close the nominations and Teri seconded the motion. Motion approved. Mistee Hightower Guzman was elected unanimously.

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**2020-21 Council Goals**

- 1. Leadership Capacity Building through Building Ranks
  - a. Short Survey
- 2. CA School Dashboard
- 3. Social-Emotional Learning and Trauma-Informed Practices
- 4. Systematic Approach to Support Local/Regional Middle Grades Networks
- 5. Sharing Best Practices

Notes:

Suggest crisis related communication, finding common threads, **COVID Solutions - Goal**  
 Members discussed adding the goal, Mike shared the first Thursday meetings for collaboration.  
 Discussion on state wide middle school Principals offerings.  
 Topics suggested included grading practices, covid solutions, EL/SPED See next section.

**Monthly Council Check-In Meetings**

Notes: Discussion on the new first Thursday MGEC check in meetings. Well received by those attending, how to get more people attending and perhaps open to MG principals state wide.

Need an advertised topic, for a state wide open meeting.

Grading policy changing.... allow late work, retake policy. F range is changed. no zeroes

**Strategies for Increasing Region Impact**

Notes: Short discussion on how to involve and share more information state wide.

**Debrief Meeting & Prepare Meeting Summary**

Notes: Participants took time to fill out the shared document, to complete the meeting summary. This continues to be a good closing activity.

**Next Meeting Dates**

Business Meeting:	January 14, 2021	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Business Meeting:	March 11, 2021	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Legislative Action Day:	April 11, 2021	PM
	April 12, 2021	All Day

Notes:

**1:30 PM**

**Adjourn**

Notes: Attendance: Waterhouse, Peters, Moore, Guzman, Rouanzoin, Narula, Barnes, Nguyen, Pevsner, Thomas, Maravillo, Riccio-Aguero, Lawson, Bowling, Gomes, Tsuboi

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