MAXWELL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
800 Magnolia Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36112

Maxwell Elementary/Middle School SAC
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 5,
2026
3:30pm-4:30pm

1. **Welcome/Meeting Norms**
   - Introduce everyone in attendance
2. **Presentation of Previous Meeting Minutes**
3. **Report from:**

   SAC Chair:
   Principal:
   SLO/Installation:
   Other:

4. **Old Business: New Business: Discussed current areas of concern in an open forum**
   a. Field Trips - Will field trips be reinstated? Will budget constraints continue? There were no field trips in 1st semester 2025.
   b. Breakfast program – MEMS has no breakfast program, while every other school in our district does. Why can't MEMS provide breakfast for students?
   c. Lunch options – Food choices have improved, but portion sizes should be addressed. Are USDA guidelines referenced in considering nutrition standards for students?
   d. Sports programs – MEMS is a member of the AISA (Alabama Independent Schools Association), providing a competitive platform and participation in an organized league. A lack of interest/participation is eliminating some opportunities (no Soccer team in Spring 2026). MEMS sports programs operate on a $7K budget, completely driven by PTA fundraising. Does DODEA have a budget to support school sports? If so, why isn't MEMS included? How do other district schools fund their sports?
   e. PTA – Participation is dwindling and no one is stepping up to replace key positions (must have a President and Treasurer). PTA is sole source of fund raising at MEMS, funding almost all programs and events (athletics, book fair, field day, spirit days, celebratory breakfasts/dinners, picture days, etc.). Transfer of key positions should occur in April-May. Currently, only one parent/spouse has expressed interest in serving within the PTA. How can there be stronger recruitment/advertising efforts?
   f. Block Schedules – Discussed the feasibility of block schedules for middle school students. Can a modified block schedule be effective?

g. Assessment calendar – The Principal expressed the importance of producing and using an assessment calendar.
h. Homework – Is the amount of prescribed homework beneficial for our students? Is all homework graded/recorded in Aspen?
i. Car drop-off and pick-up – Dangerous situations occur if/when children exit/enter on the left side of vehicles. What can be done to mitigate this risk? Security Forces involvement? Can SROs (School Resource Officers) be brought into MEMS?

5. **New Business:**

6. **Open Forum**: Each speaker has two minutes and must adhere to the parameters of the SAC.

7. **Closing**