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Action Item	Resolution	Closed
1. Extended Learning program (ELP)	New students transcript would be reviewed to determine need for ELP. Sophomores may be required to take one, two, three day, or no participation at all in ELP	19 Mar 15
2. Sports Enrollment	MCEE reviewed. Link to the appeal to participate in sports has been posted on the SLO and MacDill webpage	19 Mar 15
3. Setting Parent Teacher Conference for Middle and High School Students on different date and time	The principals of Tinker Elem, Monroe Middle and Robinson High School met to review their schedules to offer parent teacher conferences at different dates and times	19 Mar 15
4. ESE Services Expansion at Tinker K – 8	New teachers were hired to support varying levels of exceptionalities. HCPS may be able to add a Pre-Kindergarten ESE the following school year	19 Mar 15

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<p>5. Students did not have recess and teachers were doubling subjects to prepare students for the state assessment</p>	<p>MCEE reviewed this issue and determined that teacher directed PE is a state requirement. Teachers were instructed that regardless of children taking state requirement testing, required courses need to be offered</p>	<p>26 May 15</p>
<p>6. School Zone Safety: Need for a fence around pond near Tinker K-8th</p>	<p>MacDill AFB engineers conducted an assessment and determined that the maintenance of the pond was under privatized housing (Harbor Bay). Base officials communicated with Harbor Bay and looked at other ponds in the area as well. The assessment was based on how deep the pond was and slope going into the water. The pond was deemed safe therefore, the pond was not fenced. Parental reminders would be enforced to ensure children are not playing around the pond. Base will continue to monitor. If further issues to this nature surface again, the 6 AMW/CV encouraged families to please bring it to the MCEE committee for readdressing</p>	<p>17 Sep 15</p>

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<p>7. Virtual Courses - Offering virtual courses to military students transitioning to and from MacDill, at points in the school year that would not provide them adequate preparation time</p>	<p>The 6 AMW/CC discussed this matter at the governors meeting. Soon after his meeting, the MacDill School Liaison Officer was contacted by the Florida Virtual School Coordinator, who stated that her office had been tasked with providing clarification on what we needed. Huge progress was made, students moving to MacDill can enroll into Florida Virtual within 12 months of their relocation to our base. Military families who are Florida residents may enroll at any time, from any part of the world. Students who have completed about 80% of Florida virtual may opt out Florida virtual and enroll in Florida Global Virtual school and they only pay a percentage of what is left</p>	<p>17 Sep 15</p>
<p>8. Scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences in 15 minutes Increments</p>	<p>The MCEE proposed to work with families reporting a conflict on an individual basis. Parents that have an unresolved issue do not have to wait until conference night, instead, contact the MacDill school liaison officer at 813-828-0146 or district officials serving as military liaisons at 813-272-4692 and ask for Terrie or Kim</p>	<p>17 Sep 15</p>

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9. National Honor Society Military Student Induction	High schools have flexibility on how they run their programs and the school district cannot dictate to them how to do it. Students that move to the school in the fall and meet the requirements for induction into NHS would be inducted as they come in. This way, students can run for a leadership position and then go through the ceremony in the spring. The 6 MSG CC closed this action item with a recommendation to work with other schools if students report same problem	17 Sep 15
10. Chain installation on front door in base housing for the protection of an EFMP child	Chain was installed on the front door of a home in Harbor Bay after parent expressed safety concerns	18 Nov 15
11. Intensive Reading Requirement imposed to out of state students	This concern was resolved with the approval of House Bill 7069 and Senate Bill 616 which allow more flexibility to school districts on what they do	18 Nov 15
12. Reduction of sports admission fee for families with multiple children	The designated high school for military children residing on base provided accommodation to the family but is not a county wide resolution. Families in other district schools will need to work with the booster clubs in those schools individually	18 Nov 15

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13. Weighing credits for honors courses taken outside HCPS	Hillsborough Country Public School Board approved on 09/29/15 a recommendation to grant honors points to 9 th grade students. Effective Aug 2015, 9 th grade students received honors points for every honors course taken outside the district and those that the district offered as well. The policy did apply to sophomore or juniors transferring in SY15. Students transferring to the district in SY16 as 10 th graders were included but if they rolled in as juniors they were not included. This was a huge win for the MCEE, military students can now compete for the top graduation spots with non-military peers	18 Nov 15
14. Middle school students walking to school have to cross Manhattan Ave	MCEE reviewed this concern and determines that it was not a crosswalk issue it was a shortcut issue; there is a marked crosswalk at Manhattan Ave for students to cross and a guard at the intersection where Manhattan and Montgomery meet. Additionally, there is a sidewalk one side of Manhattan Ave for students to use	14 Jan 16
15. Transferring high school credits from state of Kansas	The high student was given high school credit for Algebra I and Geometry courses taken in Kansas	14 Jan 16

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16. An elementary school parent expressed concern about not having a full time nurse at her child's school	The needs of this particular family were met by alternate procedures the district put in place. School staff were trained in CPR in the meantime and the nurse at Monroe Middle School was available for consultation. Currently HCPS is actively recruiting to fill 15 RPNs and 5 LPNs vacant positions. It is their goal to provide a full time nurse at each school. A&FRC offered help to advertise and hopefully fill the vacant nurse positions with military spouses	14 Jan 16
17. Buses without AC and insufficient seating issues.	The school district ordered 200 new buses with a delivery date of June 2016	14 Jan 16
18. Marketing of the MacDill Council meetings and topics of discussion to schools off base	HCPS will push information to school administrators for their awareness. MacDill officials will send information to families via First Sergeants and Chief groups, Family Readiness Group Coordinators, base PSAs, individual contacts, Facebook, Marquee, and FSS webpage	11 Apr 16

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19. Lack of cross guards for students walking towards Harbor Bay Welcome Center	The Crosswalk is properly label. This is not something that is required of the base or school. School personnel and Security Forces will continue to provide manning, alternating locations, when available	11 Apr 16
20. Offering a peanut free environment at Tinker K-8	The school district cannot implement a peanut free environment in district schools. All schools in Hillsborough County have a designated table for students with peanut allergies to sit at lunch time. Staff on lunch duty constantly wipe the tables where children with peanut allergies eat	11 Apr 16
21. 3 Special needs concerns were reviewed by the council through private audience	Concerns were investigated by HCPS and resolved	Sep, Nov and Jan