Mill Creek Middle School

School Council Meeting – April 20, 2022

Council Members Present: Principal Matthew May, Samantha Daugherty, Brian Hohla, Alan Johnson, Christina Ritzmann, Sara Bolden, and Scott Steinbrenner

1. Call to Order – The April 20th, 2022 meeting of the Mill Creek School Council was called to order at 8:03 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Principal Matthew May led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda - The agenda was reviewed and approved by the Council. Sara Bolden motioned and Alan Johnson seconded.

4. Approval of Minutes – Principal Matthew May presented the Feb 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Alan Johnson made motion to approve and Christina Ritzmann seconded.

5. Presentation to School Council

Dr. Mike Manzella (Director of Middle & High School Curriculum) gave presentation about Math changes.

a) Math sequencing changes begin 2023-2024 school year with a Transition year of 2022-2023
b) Flow chart from Guide was shown
c) Accelerated track changed at the State level; avoids being locked out of accelerated track in 6th grade; Currently parents must make decisions that limit option for calculus in 12th grade while student is in 5th grade. New sequencing gives students who might excel later the option to get into calculus; students can adjust to Middle School before moving into accelerated track
d) 6th and 7th highest level of math will now be Advanced
e) Entry point into accelerated track will be 8th grade with a second entry point after Geometry
f) 8th grade will now have a course for enhanced 8th and algebra in 1 year (covers 2 years of course work). Replaces Accelerated 6th, 7th, and Algebra 1 flow
g) There will be an enhanced Algebra with pre-calculus option after Geometry to allow entrance into accelerated track

6. Report of the Principal
    a. School is wrapping up hiring
    b. New Video Production class being offered as a rotating Connection.
    c. End of Year Calendar – received paper copy which was the same as calendar sent via Parent Square. Council went through each day. The daily schedule will be different due to testing
    d. 8th Grade End of Year Events – PTSA is hosting breakfast; Journalism class is creating slideshow
    e. Thank you to Council Members -Principal Matthew May thanked Sarah, Scott, and Alan for their service the last 2 years. Term is two years, but previous council members can be nominated again.

7. Old Business
    a. Guide to evaluating Resources used in class - Principal Matthew May went over Mill Creek's process based on Christina Ritzmann's question from a previous meeting. Council was provided printout containing a list of questions teacher should answer themselves before deciding to use a resource. Resource should or should not be used based on their answers.

8. New Business- NONE

9. Adjournment – At 9:21 am, Christina Ritzmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alan Johnson seconded.

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