Cherokee County School District

MINUTES FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Mill Creek Middle School - School Council
September 28, 2022

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 8:08 AM. Members present included Robin Burton, AJ Ferraro, Janna Giles, Christina Ritzman, and Brian Hohla. Samantha Daugherty was the only member absent. Teachers Jim Elder and Norma Toner were also present to make a presentation to the School Council.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. May led the School Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda – Mr. May reviewed the agenda for the September 28, 2022 School Council Meeting with the members. He also discussed how members could add items to the agenda for future meetings.

4. Approval of Minutes – Mr. May showed the School Council the website where minutes of past meetings are located. The School Council read the minutes from the April 2022 meeting. After the review, Robin Burton made motion to approve the Agenda and minutes from the April 2022 meeting. This was seconded by AJ Ferarro and approved unanimously by the School Council.

5. Presentation to School Council

   School Council Required Training - Matthew May, Principal

   - Mr. May reviewed the "School Council Presentation SY 2022-2023" with the council. The council reviewed the law which requires schools to have a council, the roles, purposes, and functions of a school council, and further discussed items from the bylaws such as terms, elections, roles etc. During this discussion the council chose Robin Burthon to serve as the Chairperson, AJ Ferraro to serve as the Vice Chairperson, and Brian Hohla to serve as the Secretary.

   2022-2023 School Improvement Plan – Norma Toner & Jim Elder, SIP Chairs

   - Teachers Jim Elder and Norma Toner made a presentation to the School Council on Mill Creek's two School Improvement Plan goals for the 2022-2023 school year. They discussed the purpose behind these goals and shared data regarding the progress that was made

and the critical areas that still being addressed. During the presentation, AJ Ferraro asked a question regarding the comparison of Mill Creek's data to that of the other middle schools in the district. Mr. May also explained which courses have a Milestone End of Grade Assessment and how teachers were equipped to work towards meeting the SIP goals. Robin Burton asked a question about Learning Loss/Gaps due to Covid. Mr. May explained the tools teachers have in their Professional Learning Community meetings each week and how the school has access to EXP funding to create extra sessions for students to remediate and relearn those topics. The council also asked questions about a final percentage that the school was looking to measure in this process. Mr. May and the SIP chairs discussed that there has been no final number set as the purpose of these goals is to continually make progress and that grade level groups are different over time.

6. Report of the Principal

1st Quarter Update – Matthew May, Principal

- Mr. May provided the council with information regarding the total school population and the status of staffing positions at Mill Creek. He discussed the goal of creating meaningful experience for students and used the 8th grade connections as an example. The school has worked to create "Tracks" which group the Connection courses based on career interests. Students were able to select a track and be enrolled in those courses. The tracks looked to provide students with meaningful career experiences through modified course work, guest speakers, and field trips.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Leadership Qualities of a Principal – Update for 2022-2023

- The Council reviewed the "2021-2022 Leadership Qualities of a Principal" and discussed their purpose and use. Mr. May explained how they informed his role as principal of Mill Creek. Robin Burton made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Leadership Qualities as the model for the 2022-2023 school year. Christina Ritzman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment

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- Robin Burton made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 AM and was seconded by AJ Ferraro. The motion carried unanimously.

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