Cherokee County School District

MINUTES FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Mill Creek Middle School - School Council
February 16, 2023

1. Call to Order- 8:04 call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Matthew May led the School Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes- Minutes form December meeting were read by Brian Hohla.

5. Presentation to School Council- CCSD CTAE Programs – Dr. Krista Webb

-Dr. Webb is a former teacher at Woodstock High School, AP at Creekview, Head of Social Studies for all CCSD School, and now leads the CTAE (Career Technical Agricultural Education). Dr. Webb was present today to present CTAE, and what the schools are doing to support these programs. CTAE are programs that students can take and leave school with skills they can apply to real-world careers. Each High School has different pathways, which students can have access to, despite their location in the county. CCSD CTAE programs are technical, and very specialized, which is much different than the Vocational Ed from years ago. As the couty teamed up with companies from the community, the county quickly realized that these Career Tech programs are what some students really needed to be successful, without a college degree. CTAE programs allow students to graduate with certifications that students can put to use immediately after graduation. Through contact with the community, Dr. Webb found that many companies are looking for students who have a diploms, but do not have a college degree.

Dr. Webb then went on to explain that she saw a disconnect between the connections offered in Middle School, and the pathways offered in the High Schools. At Mr. May's suggestion, Mill Creek began to pilot a program that slowly started to transition some of the connections classes at Mill Creek to classes what aligned with the pathways at River Ridge. Over the past 5 years, Mr. May has implemented classes such as STEM, Healthcare Science, Computer Science, Audio Video, and Drama, which allowed students to get a taste of what the different pathways look like. This transition has been a success for the CTAE programs at River Ridge.

As Dr. Webb talked about the pathway courses in High School, she nmentioned that every course teaches different soft skills to students, which help

them to be model employees. Some of these skills would include: eye contact when talking, smile during presentations, answering the phone correctly, dressing for success, etc. Dr. Webb finished with information about pathways that are only offered at iGrad. These courses are Cyber Security and Aviation.

CCSD has created a magazine that highlights the pathways offered by each High School. The magazine also gives brief descriptions on the courses offered in each of the pathways. This magazine is called "Focus on the Future," and is linked on the CCSD website. You can also link to "Focus on the Future" here.

6. Report of the Principal

- Update on STEM Certification- Mill Creek is working on submitting all info required by Cognia to become a certified school. All submittals are due by March 1. With virtual visits set up with Cognia in March and May, Mr. May is already happy with the improvement hs is seeing in the classroom.

- End of Year Plans- All classes should be wrapping up their curriculum in March and April. Then preparation for the Moilestones will take place.

    - Milestones- Mill Creek has already started to look at how we can best target students who are on the bubble to pass, and what we can do to help them prepare.

    - Olympics- We are looking to have full-day Olympics in each class level for the first time since Covid hit.

- Next Steps: Hiring, Scheduling- Mr. May has already started to prep for allotments for next year from the county. We have two positions that will be open due to treansfer and retirement. Mr. May already has some of the courses laid outfor next year, and are looking at what allotments might look like. Some courses that are already prepped for next year are SpEd, Connections, and he is looking at the possible number of sections for each course. Rising 7th and 8th graders have already started to be placed in some of the content area courses.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business- Highlights for Mill Creek Middle School include one of our students winning the county Spelling Bee, and Mrs. Somers winning State High Science Teacher of the Year.

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- Our next School Council meeting will be April 18. This will be outr last School Council meeting of the year, and we will be wrapping up end of year requirements.

9. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

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