



Cherokee County School District  
School Council  
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## Macedonia Elementary School School Council

DATE: 05-09-2023

MEETING TIME: 7:30 AM

MEETING LOCATION: Room 249

MEETING CALLED BY	Mrs. Christy Rich
TYPE OF MEETING	Scheduled Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Mrs. Christy Rich
NOTE TAKER	Kate Link – Secretary
BOARD ATTENDEES	Pamela Estes, Patty Nay, Joey Gangi, Sarah Rutkowski, Kate Link, Robin Ballew, Mike Link, Tenille Turner
GUEST ATTENDESS	Chief Buster Cushing- CCSD Chief of Police

### Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED: 2 minutes

TOPIC: Call to Order

PRESENTER: Mrs. Rich

DISCUSSION	Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Review, and Approval of Agenda		
CONCLUSIONS	Patty Nay motioned to approve the minutes from February 28, 2023 and Mike Link seconded the motion. Sarah Rutkowski motioned to approve the minutes from March 13 <sup>th</sup> and Mike Link seconded the motion. Everyone approved the prior minutes.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
No action items.			

TIME ALLOTTED: 5 minutes

TOPIC: Reports

PRESENTER: Mrs. Rich

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Rich told us the new playground equipment is scheduled to be delivered on May 26 <sup>th</sup> . It will be installed in June.		
CONCLUSIONS	Sarah Rutkowski suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony. Kate Link suggested having some 5 <sup>th</sup> graders demonstrate the proper way to use it.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Mrs. Rich will talk to PTA about ideas to present the Playground.	Mrs. Rich	May 31	



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TIME ALLOTTED: 30 minutes

TOPIC: School Safety Discussion

PRESENTER: Chief Cushing

DISCUSSION	Mr. Cushing informed us that CCSD has 29 police officers staffed to work for the schools. There is one at every high school and middle school. There are 8 among the Elementary schools. It costs approximately \$150,000 to hire a new police officer to be assigned a school. There are currently 22 security cameras at MES. Governor Kemp recently gave \$50k to each school. Next year, CCSD will start implementing a security badge for every staff member in the elementary schools. This badge has a button to alert code yellow or code red. This button will alert police as well as the entire staff at the school. CCSD is also looking into a window film that will slow down glass breakage. Every classroom door remains locked throughout the day. There is a back up radio at every school that contacts police if power is out and phone lines are down.		
CONCLUSIONS	Police officers are funded by the Cherokee County Board of Education, not the state of Georgia. We need 15 more officers to have a 1:1 ratio of police to school. Chief Buster Cushing and his team take the security of CCSD schools seriously and do an excellent job. We discussed bathroom safety when parents are visiting. Mrs. Rich has processes in place for students to use certain bathrooms and adults to use the gym bathrooms for field day. Mr. Cushing left the meeting at 8:15 AM.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Mrs. Rich will communicate bathroom safety to staff.	Mrs. Rich	May 15	

TIME ALLOTTED: 10 minutes

TOPIC: Other Agenda Items

PRESENTER: Mrs. Rich

DISCUSSION	The CCSD Transportation department has been short staffed lately. Mrs. Nay lets parents know via ParentSquare if the bus is going to be more than 10 minutes late. We should expect to see Bus Driver job opportunities posted at future job fairs this summer to prepare for next year. Also, we have 563 working chromebooks now but 207 of those are deemed end of life. Mrs. Rich requested the county provides MES with 207 new chromebooks to replace those. Dr. O'Bryant will find out if this request is granted in June. The School Board would like to see our district become a 1:1 technology district. We can monitor the Board Meetings that focus on the budget process/proposals. More information should be coming out in May/June regarding this potential 1:1 ratio. Mrs. Rich informed us that there will not be a technology special next year. Students will get one extra day of PE per week instead. The projected enrollment next year is 720 students. There will be seven 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade classes. Mrs. Rich suggested the SAC and PTA Board meet early next year to align goals. Mike Link, Kate Link, and Robin Ballew have completed their two year term and will be replaced next year. Mrs. Scharich will join the SAC as the Teacher of the Year representative.		
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CONCLUSIONS	Mrs. Rich told us that the SAC can ask Dr. O'Bryant to bring in others from the county for future meetings to elaborate on any concerns. Dr. O'Bryant will send the School Improvement Plan to the SAC over the summer for review and approval. The SAC would like to meet with Dr. O'Bryant in July. New candidates for the SAC will be nominated at the beginning of the year, voted on, and potentially elected on October 1 <sup>st</sup> .	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Mrs. Rich will let Dr. O'Bryant know to send the SIP to the SAC in July and schedule a meeting.	Mrs. Rich	May 31

TIME ALLOTTED: 10 minutes

TOPIC: Agenda Items

PRESENTER: Mrs. Rich

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Rich asked for feedback regarding C.A.T. Chats. Kate Link had obtained feedback via facebook and shared the results. Younger grade teachers liked it and prefer them over in person parent/teacher conferences. Younger grade parents liked them due to getting a brief summary of how their child is performing and what they can do to help. Older grade parents didn't like the format. They don't understand what the numbers mean and prefer to talk to the teacher without the student present. It also requires a lot of subs and interrupts the normal school day. The community likes that it guides the student to be aware of their academic path for growth and to create and present goals. Kate suggested a flipgrid to be sent to parents. It was suggested to have two C.A.T. chats: 1 in October and 1 in February. It was also suggested to only have the student in the first one. Mrs. Estes voiced there is data that shows the correlation between students taking ownership of their goals within elementary school and growth. Also, the SAC reviewed and approved the compliance checklist. Mrs. Rich also informed us that the district has asked our state legislators to reconsider using schools as voting sites. Mrs. Rich thanked all the members of the SAC for their contribution to the school.	
CONCLUSIONS	Mrs. Rich will share feedback from teachers and the SAC regarding C.A.T. chats with Dr. O'Bryant. The Compliance Checklist is complete.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Mrs. Rich will share feedback with Dr. O'Bryant.	Mrs. Rich	May 31

TIME	Adjourned by Mrs. Christy Rich at 9:20 AM
NEXT MEETING	Mid July with Dr. O'Bryant

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