



School Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting

Creekland Middle School

DATE: 9/14/2023

MEETING TIME: 7:45

MEETING LOCATION: CMS FOCR

MEETING CALLED BY	Principal: Dr. Richard Carnes
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Dr. Richard Carnes
NOTE TAKER	Secretary: Laura Brown
BOARD ATTENDEES	Mark Merges, Laura Brown, Farran Cheatwood, Billy Peppers, Rebecca Wright, Johnathan Browning
GUEST ATTENDEES	Nathan Cline, Angela Gula, Celeice Hood

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED: 7:45

TOPIC: Intro/Elections

PRESENTER:

DISCUSSION	Election of officers	
Billy Peppers was nominated by Mark Merges to serve as School Council Chair Pro-Tem		
Laura Brown 2 nd nomination of Billy Peppers		
Vote taken – Billy Peppers		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 7:50

TOPIC: Call to Order/Agenda Review

PRESENTER: Peppers

DISCUSSION	Review Agenda	
Move to accept Agenda Rebecca Wright; 2 nd Mark Merges		
Vote taken and agenda approved		
Mark Merges moves to accept last year's minutes; Rebecca Wright 2 nd		
Vote taken, minutes approved		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE



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TIME ALLOTTED: 7:56 TOPIC: School Council Overview Rules/Responsibilities PRESENTER: Carnes

DISCUSSION	SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING: Review PowerPoint regarding what school council is and the requirements.	
Question/Concerns? None		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 8:06 TOPIC: Leadership Qualities of Principal PRESENTER: Carnes

DISCUSSION	No items submitted.	
If you have thoughts, please submit for review.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 8:06 TOPIC: Start of School PRESENTER: Carnes

DISCUSSION	1480 students enrolled this year.	
16:1 student teacher ratio		
Numbers typically go up a little after fall break.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE



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TIME ALLOTTED: 8:08

TOPIC: Back to school bash

PRESENTER: Carnes

DISCUSSION	Back to School Bash was a huge success! Kids had a great time. PTSA worked very hard and it was a great event for the kids. Most of the students really just want to hang out with their friends.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 8:10

TOPIC: Construction

PRESENTER: Carnes

DISCUSSION	Bids were resubmitted to ensure best price and best company, so construction has been delayed. New driveway has definitely helped with traffic flow. Price increases has altered the architecture and the current timeline. Construction may begin as early as February.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 8:13

TOPIC: SIP

PRESENTER: Hood

DISCUSSION	New math standards across the K-12 grade levels from GADOE. ELA and blended Learning are a focus for CCSD and CMS.	
SIP Goals:		
Utilize PLC data to differentiate; problem-based STEM instruction; engage users in progress monitoring;		
4 - C's; Student's involved in IEP/504 meetings;		
Teaching kids to be problem solvers – use AI to our advantage and teach kids to use it responsibly.		
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 8:29

TOPIC: Safety & Security

PRESENTER: Gula



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DISCUSSION	Administration reviews safety plan before students enter the building every year. Safety plan document prepares teachers with safety information. Centigix – 2 nd year with system; medical Code Red/Yellow/Orange drills 2x year; fire drill monthly; severe weather also.	
	AED devices – 3 in building; staff trained to use on needed basis;	
	Seizure action plans – staff in each grade level assigned to be liaison	
	Stop the bleed – teachers trained	
	Reviewed protocols for threats made against school on campus and off of campus.	
	Every threat is assessed and investigated. (including threat of self-harm)	
	Vector alert – anonymous reporting system for students, parents, community members to alert the school to any threat.	
	Reviewed CENTEGIX Alert System	
CONCLUSIONS	We work closely with law-enforcement. A threat toward one school increases the level of readiness throughout the county including all individual cities and law enforcement offices.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 8:58

TOPIC: Clubs/Athletics

PRESENTER: Cline

DISCUSSION	20+ clubs this school year; Athletics: cheer tryouts ended yesterday, basketball tryouts after fall break. Basketball games start in November. Grizzly Spirit Club was created to help increase student attendance and school spirit.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED: 9:03

TOPIC: Teacher Report

PRESENTER: Cheetwood/Brown

DISCUSSION	Great start to the school year. Intentional pairing of co-teachers has been helpful this year. CMS is implementing lots of of in-house professional development to support populations/subgroups.	
CONCLUSIONS		



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TIME ALLOTTED: 9:05

TOPIC: Official Nomination of Officers

PRESENTER:

DISCUSSION	Billy Peppers Nominated as chair by Mark Merges; 2 nd by Brown – vote passed	
	Rebecca Wright nominated as vice-chair by Billy Peppers; 2 nd by Mark Merges – vote passed	
	Laura Brown nominated as secretary by Farran Cheatwood; 2 nd by Rebecca Wright – vote passed	
CONCLUSIONS		
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Next meeting Dec 14