



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Macedonia Elementary School Council

DATE 12/7/23

MEETING TIME: 9:00 am

MEETING LOCATION: MES Media

MEETING CALLED BY	Chair's Name: Carrie O' Bryant
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting or Special Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Dr. Carrie O'Bryant
NOTE TAKER	Barbara Scharich
BOARD ATTENDEES	Sarah Rutkowski, Amanda Forys, Christopher Bennett, Pamela Estes, Carrie O'Bryant, Barbara Scharich, Elizabeth Coker, Darren Jackson
GUEST ATTENDEES	None

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED 10 Minutes

TOPIC Next Year's Play Performance

PRESENTER Carrie O'Bryant

DISCUSSION	We will not be able to use the Creekview High School gym for the play next year due to Construction. Dr O is working on other possible sites as well as requesting better sound system in the Gym.	
CONCLUSIONS	Will revisit	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reach out to alternate site possibilities	Carrie O'Bryant	TBD
Ask for better sound system in the gym as a budget item		

TIME ALLOTTED: 10 minutes

TOPIC School Improvement Plan

PRESENTER: Dr. O'Bryant

DISCUSSION	Frequent and consistent monitoring of our SIP is ongoing. Our goals are differentiated small group instruction and collective teacher efficacy. We are working through collaborative observations, instructional audits and will be doing microteaching videos and adding bimonthly PD.	
CONCLUSIONS	Macedonia continues to focus on small group instruction and collective teacher efficacy to support our SIP goals.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continued professional discussions on strategies to best to support our SIP goals	MES faculty and staff	ongoing



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TIME ALLOTTED: 10 minutes TOPIC Budget Items PRESENTER Dr. O'Bryant

DISCUSSION	Dr. O'Bryant will be requesting a better sound system in the gym, possible LVT floor replacement in the cafeteria, painting and a revamp of the library to bring it up to a collaborative bright environment for students.	
CONCLUSIONS	Dr. O'Bryant will be including these in her budget requests.	
ACTION ITEMS: Dr O'Bryant will work on the budget requests to submit to the county		
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Dr. O' Bryant	TBD

TIME ALLOTTED: 10 Minutes TOPIC Assessment Benchmarks and Beacon PRESENTER: Dr. O'Bryant

DISCUSSION	Dr. O'Bryant explained the various assessments that we are completing and why as well as how the data is used. PLC was also covered and explained as the weekly data discussions per grade level. Beacon was explained as a standards based formative assessment used to identify specific standards That students need support.	
CONCLUSIONS	We will analyze the benchmark data in PLC groups and as a school when all are completed (January) to determine next steps for planning and teaching. We will also use Beacon in 3-5 (possibly adding to 2 nd grade) to help pinpoint specific standards.	
ACTION ITEMS		
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to use data to drive instruction	MES faculty and staff	ongoing

TIME ALLOTTED 3 minutes TOPIC: Vision PRESENTER: Carrie O' Bryant

DISCUSSION	Continuing to share the MES vision and positives in and around our community	
CONCLUSIONS	Let's use our collective vision to continue to promote the many positive aspects of our school	
ACTION ITEMS		
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Be positive!	Everyone	Ongoing



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TIME ALLOTTED 5 minutes

TOPIC: Staff Update

PRESENTER Dr. O'Bryant

DISCUSSION	Meredith Castro will be moved to a special education facilitator role. Her last day as a teacher will be January 31 st . She will be staying at Macedonia and Ball Ground as our facilitator.	
CONCLUSIONS	We will need to hire a new sped teacher to replace Mrs. Castro.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Dr. O' Bryant will be hiring a new special education teacher to replace Mrs. Castro.	Dr. O'Bryant	January 31

TIME ALLOTTED: 15 minutes

TOPIC CCRPI

PRESENTER Dr. O' Bryant

DISCUSSION	CCRPI is coming back post Covid. Discussions as to how the scores will be tabulated are still ongoing at the state level. We are still experiencing learning loss from Covid years. There will likely not be one single score this time as we have historically. It appears we will instead have 4 separate scores. Three of the four scores are relatively strong. We have been discussing ways to improve our "closing the gap" scores.	
CONCLUSIONS	We will be further analyzing our final scores to determine next steps for continual improvement	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Analyze scores and data to identify areas for improvement	MES faculty and staff	Ongoing



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TIME ALLOTTED: 5 minutes

TOPIC Competitions

PRESENTER: Dr. O'Bryant

DISCUSSION	We have county competitions once a month, math club, reading bowl, academic bowl and science Olympiad.	
CONCLUSIONS	We have lots of extra learning opportunities for our MES students.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue to encourage students to join academic clubs	MES faculty and staff	ongoing

TIME ALLOTTED

TOPIC Next Year: Job fair, staffing, scheduling

PRESENTER: Dr. O" Bryant

DISCUSSION	In January, we will begin planning for next year which will affect decision making as far as staffing, scheduling and forming classes.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Dr. O'Bryant and admin will be working on staffing, scheduling, and planning for next year	Dr. O'Bryant and admin	2024

TIME ALLOTTED: 10 minutes

TOPIC: Disruptive students

PRESENTER: Dr. O'Bryant
And Pamela Estes

DISCUSSION	Amanda Forsys asked for explanation on the school's approach to disruptive students. Dr. O'Bryant shared the new behavior team, or "Sunshine" system. We will be using teachers in planning to help deescalate behaviors. Mrs. Estes explained how students with IEP goals are supported with behaviors.	
CONCLUSIONS	MES has specific systems and processes for handling student misbehavior and disruptive students.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue with and expand behavior supports at MES	MES faculty and staff	ongoing

AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Dr. Carrie O'Bryant
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TIME	10:20
NEXT MEETING	February 15, 8:00
NOTES	Sarah Rutowski asked if we could change the future meetings to 8:00 am.
NOTES	Future meetings changed to 8:00. Changes made on the website.
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