Cherokee County School District

MINUTES FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Mill Creek Middle School - School Council
December 13, 2023

1. Call to Order – The meeting of the Mill Creek MS School Council was called to order at 8:05 AM. The council members who were present at the meeting were AJ Ferraro, Robin Burton, Jim Elder, Susanne O'Brien, and Matthew May.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda – Mr. May reviewed the agenda with the School Council. Robin Burton motioned to approve the agenda, which Jim Elder seconded.

4. Approval of Minutes – Mr. May showed the School Council where the Minutes from the previous meeting (9/27/23) are located on the MCMS Website. Mr. May explained that all minutes were on the website and accessible to the council and the public. Mr. May also explained that a hard copy is available in the school's Front Office should anyone request to review them.

5. Presentation to the School Council

MCMS Instructional Focus 2023-2024 – Ashely Kelsey

- Reviewed School Improvement Plan Goals focused on Action Steps
    - Action Steps
        - Common Formative and Summative Assessments
            - Formative = within the unit, Summative = End of unit. Common assessments are completed within all content classes regardless of teacher. Assessments are developed in PLC's using Canvas Quizzes, Mastery Connect, and Course Enrichment.
        - Standards-Based Feedback
            - '21-'22 Beginning, '22-'23 Progressing, '23-'24 Refinnig. High-impact instructional strategy used by MCMS.

- STEM Instructional Strategies
    - ’22-’23 Cognia STEM Certification. ’23-’24 Targeting Areas of Certification Feedback.
        - Metacognition (Expand student reasoning and critical thinking), Inquiry and Rigor (Student-led exploration and challenges), and Interdisciplinary/Global Connections (Belize Student Trip).
        - Discussed what MCMS is doing to make more real-world connections for students in content area and connection classes.

6. Report of the Principal

- Current Enrollment: 1388
    - Enrollment has been more continuous this year than in the past.
    - MCMS is set up for growth beyond 1400 students without adding new learning spaces.
- Quarter 2 wrap up
    - Grades, teacher wrap-ups, report cards out after break
- New Teacher for 6th grade starting in January. Dr. Brett James is replacing the Retiring teacher, Mrs. Coleman
- Scheduling for ’24-‘25
    - Looking for new classes - a French class for one period using an RR teacher and an HS Health Science Class.
    - Assessing student and teacher needs when looking for opportunities for students.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

- Next Meeting: February 14, 2024

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9. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. May to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 and was seconded by Robin Burton.

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