Cherokee County School District

MINUTES FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Mill Creek Middle School - School Council
March 14, 2025

1. Call to Order – The Mill Creek MS School Council meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM. The council members who were present at the meeting were Theresa Haywood, Kelli Frye, Scott Steinbrenner, Matthew Kling, Jason Quinn, Jim Elder, Susanne O'Brien, Justin Sanderson, and Stacey Krutz.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda – Mr. Sanderson reviewed the agenda with the School Council. Susan O'Brien motioned to approve the agenda, which Stacey Krutz seconded.

4. Approval of Minutes – Jim Elder reviewed the minutes from 1/17/25 sent to the school council on the MCMS website. All minutes were on the website and accessible to the council and the public. The hard copy of the minutes is available in the school's front office should anyone request to review them.

5. Old Business

    - None

6. New Business

    - Scheduling Timeline – Mrs. Krutz

        i. Talked about the challenge of making the upcoming year's class assignments for teachers.

            1. Looking at SPED classes, Resource Classes, ESOL, and Co-taught classes can be a challenge with the number of students vs. available teachers.

            2. Ensuring students are placed in the correct class, advanced vs on-level class

                a. This is done by looking at Milestone scores and previous class grades

    - Allotments were reduced

i. Class sizes are still a challenge. Classes will be about 28-33 students.

- Color Battle Results
    i. Apex is approved through Cherokee, Gwinett, and Cobb counties at the county level. No personal information was sold to outside companies (i.e., emails or phone numbers)
        1. The money split for this fundraiser is that the school earns 60% of the money raised
    ii. Scholarshiped 100 kids to participate
    iii. 970 kids participated
    iv. Raised $110,00 – net $68,000 to the school
    v. Feedback
        1. The text messages should be reworded so that it is not misinterpreted as a SPAM text
    vi. Laptops
        1. Placed an order but received word that the particular model is no longer available.
        2. Only one available vendor is available to order from
        3. Price range is $350-$450 per laptop
            a. Price point is due to software, warranties, security, and etching
- Headphones
    i. ELA Milestones for 2025-2026 will start to require all students to use specific headphones for testing
        1. This is a new standard from the State
        2. The cost of purchasing the headphones is on the individual school, not the county. The overall cost is still unknown
- PTSA

i. Nominations for 2025-2026 close today

1. Several positions are still open

2. Request to send information out via Parentsquare

ii. The general meeting is in April for approval of the new board

iii. Largest PTSA in the county

- 6th grade Parent Night – April 17th @ 5:30-7p

i. Reduce the numbers in each group

ii. Encourage students to come with parents

iii. The goal is to gain a little bit of information and tour the building

1. There are several opportunities for rising 6th graders to come before school starts

a. Camp '32, Open House, Elementary field trip (except Little River)

- Bathroom concerns

i. 8th-grade boys are horseplaying and vandalizing bathrooms

1. Temporary solution – closed one 8th-grade bathroom while Mrs. Krutz stood outside the other bathroom

2. Open to suggestions

- Instructional Resources

i. ESOL – Mr. Dewitt uses an iPad to help translate through the board and allows ESOL Students to use headphones for real-time translation

1. Counselors meet with incoming parents to identify the many opportunities for scholarships, free/reduced lunches, and availability of counselors for help

2. Purchased MCMS resources to use in the classroom

7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mr. Sanderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:09a and was seconded by Jim Elder.

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