Mountain Road Elementary School
School Advisory Council Agenda
October 2, 2026
8:00 AM

I. Welcome

a. Introductions

- Leah Bleisath, MRES Administration
- Tiffany Cothern, MRES Administration
- Jennifer Mizzell, MRES Literacy Coach
- Kristen Mitchell, Teacher
- Lauren Hall, Teacher
- Sarah Dillemuth, Parent
- Kaleb Frady, Parent
- Robert Andriulli, Parent
- Chase Mizzell, Parent

b. Elect School Council Positions

i. Discussed purpose of School Council
ii. Chairperson – Lauren Hall, Teacher
    - Assist in putting together agenda-Dr. Bleisath, MRES Admin
iii. Vice-Chairperson – Chase Mizzell, Parent
iv. Secretary – Kristen Mitchell, Teacher

II. Leadership Qualities of a Principal

i. Reviewed one pager that was passed out to each School Council member

III. 2026-2027 School Improvement Plan

- MRES is the 3rd smallest school in Cherokee County
- MRES serves EIP/ESOL/IEP/Gifted students
- Mrs. Mizzel, Literacy Coach-supports teachers on how to teach all different levels of students and how to differentiate

a. Curriculum and Instruction

i. Reviewed School Improvement Goals for ELA, Math, and Attendance

b. Data

i. Reviewed Fall Benchmark Data
    - Star Reading

c. Reviewed Action Steps for School Improvement Goals

i. Making progress towards our goals
ii. Instruction-how are we teaching math

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iii. Discussed Georgia Standards, data, and curriculum to support teaching of standards
- Parent Engagement Letters available in ELA and Math

IV. School Safety

a. Shut & Secure

i. Priority commitment to students' safety as we teach
ii. Safety Team-fire drills/code protocols/Reactive Team
- Centegix badges
- Discuss how to handle situations if arise
- Shut and Secure Program
    a. Data to support how to best support safety
    b. Safety Team-proactive team check 1-2 times a day to confirm following guidelines and protocols
    c. Classroom visuals in room to support safety-Shut and Secure and Code Red/Yellow/Blue
    d. RSVP list confirmed for authorized attendees
    e. Table Top exercises-given at County Level-once a month
        i. Feedback on details

V. Budget

a. QBE vs. Local funds

i. 2 allocations
- Quality Budget Education-State/Federal budget based on FTE (how students are identified/served in our building)
    a. Based on when and how receive services (EIP, IEP, ESOL, Gifted)
    b. FTE numbers impact allotments
    c. Discussed allotments-based on FTE numbers
    d. Use funds to provide supplies to students to be successful in classroom-must be able to tie to a Georgia Standard
    e. Costs cut at County level to give back to schools
- Local-MRES budget

b. Chocolate Sales

i. Pay off playground
ii. Need mulch ASAP-comes out of local funds

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iii. Funds for possible marquee improvement or replacement -comes out of local funds

VI. School Events

a. Chalk the Walk-August
b. Goodies with Grands-September
c. Field Day-September
    i. Different time this year due to May schedule with new Georgia Milestones testing schedule
d. Book Fair-September

VII. School Needs/Wants

a. Front Entrance clean-up
    i. Facilities cleaned up front area-cleared bushes from windows for visibility
b. School Supplies-provided by QBE funds
c. TV in front lobby-need for running announcements
d. Mural in Gym-need after gym being painting
e. Cougar Café sign
f. Laminator
g. Concrete for PE shed to get shed out of gym
h. Outdoor classroom-needs refreshening
i. Pressure Washing-funding provided by school
j. Power Towers for Professional Development-to enhance MRES for data digs/planning-need cords

VIII. Partnerships

a. Tiered Level
    i. Cougar Paws
b. Breakfast
c. Trunk or Treat-new this year, community event, free

IX. Coming Up

a. Journey Celebrations
b. Conference Days
    i. October
    ii. New this year
    iii. Snapshot of student progress
        - Data notebooks-student ownership
c. Harvest Fest-October

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Meeting Notes: Who we are, what we do, our passion, high expectations, open book, school running efficiently , students growing

Next Meeting: December 18, 2026 @ 1:00