**Mossy Creek Middle School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 13, 2022 -- MCMS Media Center**

The School Council of Mossy Creek Middle School (MCMS) met in regular session on December 13, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the MCMS Media Center.

**Attendance:**

Dr. Andy Gentry – Principal

Michelle Starley – Special Education Teacher

Carey Bassett – Sixth Grade Teacher

Suzanne Ganas – Parent

Sydney Howard – Parent

Patrick Chiappetta – Parent

Marcell Ausborn – Counselor, MCMS

**Call to Order**

Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

**Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Gentry provided an overview of the agenda items. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. No members opposed, and the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Attendees reviewed the Minutes from the Council’s meeting on October 18. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes.

**New Business**

Principal Report:

* MCMS students recently took the Measure of Academic Performance (MAP) assessment. Dr. Gentry explained the progression of MAP questions as they are targeted on each individual student’s growth. The district’s goal is performance to meet the 65th percentile. A score report has not been received yet; however, teachers’ have expressed positive expectations. Students will take the MAP assessment again in March. Georgia Milestones testing will begin April 24.
* Final exams will be administered December 14-16. These will be semester exams for eighth grade and will only cover information students learned after Fall Break for sixth and seventh grades.
* The Gators lost in the December 8 soccer playoffs. Basketball season begins January 4. Baseball and track will begin soon at beginning of March.
* The MCMS band will perform in a concert Thursday night. Our chorus held a concert last Tuesday.
  + Dr. Gentry shared with members that he has officially announced his retirement. Surveys will be sent out to parents, teachers, and students regarding qualities they desire in a new principal. The principal position should be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Teacher Report:

* Teachers reported a large focus has been placed this year on increasing academic growth of gifted students. As students score at higher levels of achievement on the MAP assessment, it is more challenging for them to show significant amounts of growth.
* Language Arts teachers have increased instructional focus on vocabulary.

Counselor Report:

* Students completed the county’s Health Survey yesterday. This survey provides valuable information about Social Emotional Learning needs.
* In January, we will start the You Science program which will provide career guidance for students based on their aptitudes.

Parent Report:

* The desire for parents of sixth and seventh grade students to attend field trips was discussed.

**Adjournment**

No additional questions or concerns were expressed, and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. No members opposed.