**Mossy Creek Middle School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2024 -- MCMS Media Center**

The School Council of Mossy Creek Middle School (MCMS) met in regular session on April 9, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the MCMS Media Center.

**Attendance:**

Dr. Jody Dean, Principal

Michelle Starley, teacher representative

Carey Bassett, teacher representative

Suzanne Ganas, teacher/parent

Jason Brett, parent representative

Patrick Chiapetta, parent/business representative

Sydney Howard, parent/business representative

Krishna Patel, student representative

Payton Edwards, student representative

Miranda Aguilar, student representative

Marcell Ausborn, counselor

**Call to Order**

Dr. Dean called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. Attendees recited the pledge and observed a moment of silence.

**Review of Minutes**

Dr. Dean provided an overview of the minutes from February 13, 2024. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. No members opposed, and the minutes were approved.

**Review of Agenda**

Dr. Dean 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.

**New Business**

**School Report:**

* MCMS has been selected to receive the Military Flagship Award that is granted by the Georgia Department of Education. This award recognizes the support MCMS provides for military-connected students and families. The award will be presented at a ceremony at the school today. Richard Woods, Georgia’s School Superintendent, will attend the ceremony.
* The MCMS Teacher of the Year and the Support Staff of the Year were named before Spring Break. The Teacher of the Year is Shannon Ballard, and the Support Staff of the Year is Shay Massey.
* New hires for the 2024-2025 academic year include Molly Farmer, Tiffany Caporale, and Janessa Brown.
* Paraprofessional Appreciation Day was recognized in March. Dr. Dean treated Mossy Creek’s paraprofessionals to lunch.
* Dr. Dean shared that the school needs a new sign in front of the school. Updating the software for the current sign will cost approximately $5,000. A new sign will cost approximately $30,000. Currently, the school has had approximately $3,000 donated/raised for the new sign. Dr. Dean has applied for a $5,000 grant. The sign will be used to recognize employees and students and advertise current school events.
* Students recently completed the spring administration of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test.
* Georgia Milestones assessments will be administered April 29 – May 10.
* Dr. Dean shared several student recognitions.
	+ Miss Mossy Creek Pageant – Chloe Cross
	+ Hannah Havard – Perry Chamber Student of the Quarter
	+ Fine arts students performed “Willy Wonka” last month.
	+ Chorus and band students recently participated in Large Group Performance Evaluations. Chorus students received all Superior ratings. The eighth-grade band received an overall Superior rating and a Superior rating for Sight Reading.
	+ FCCLA students recently attended the All-State Leadership Conference.
		- They received first place in Career Connection and National Honor Roll.
		- Drisana Biswas received a perfect score on the Statesman Test. (She was the only middle school student to do so.) She also excelled on the FCCLA Statement test earning Distinguished Statement Status.
		- FCCLA students received first place in Theme Speech and Georgia Organics and second place in Georgia Peanut Recipe and Chili Cook-off.
		- FCCLA submitted three national programs: Career Connections, Community Service, and FACTS.
	+ The FFA Swine Show Team was named Grand Champion in the Herdsman Award at a recent State Livestock Show. Mossy Creek’s FFA has been the grand champion for 10 out of the past 13 years.
	+ Students also earned awards in the areas of Junior Market Swine Record Book, Showmanship, the Barrow Show, and the Gilt Show.
	+ TSA students recently competed in their first state competition. Salena Carter earned first place in the Dragster Design Judges Choice and 5th place in Dragster. Other students earned fifth place in Coding and Video Game Design and 13th place in Problem Solving.
	+ Art students recently won awards for 6th Grade 3D, 6th Grade 2D, 7th Grade 3D, 7th Grade 2D, and 8th Grade 2D.
* We are in the middle of baseball and track season. Much work has been done recently to improve the condition of the baseball field.

**Upcoming Events:**

* April 12 – Progress Reports
* April 22 – Competition Cheer tryouts begin
* April 24-25 – Baseball Playoffs begin
* April 29-May 1 – County Track Meet
* May 9 – Chorus Spring Concert
* May 13-17 – Teacher Appreciation Week
* May 14 – Award Ceremonies
* May 15 – 6th and 7th Grades Band Concert
* May 21 – 8th Grade Band Concert
* May 22 – Last Day of School

**Teacher Report:**

* Teachers are using data to help students perform at higher levels on Milestones assessments. Teachers are using Gator Time and class time to prepare students for testing.

**Counselor Report:**

* Counselors have been helping students with career planning using a program called YouScience. Sixth graders have received an introduction to the program, seventh graders have completed career inventories, and eighth graders are learning more about three specific career areas of their choosing and dual enrollment. These activities have taken place in students’ Social Studies classes.

**Parent Report:**

* Parents shared no current concerns. They encouraged teachers to finish the year strong.

**Student Council Report:**

* Student Council members have been working to clean up Danny Carpenter Drive. They are planning to ask FFA or FCCLA students to help.
* Student Council members are considering additional activities.

**Other Topics Brought Before the Council**

No attendees offered additional topics for discussion.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was adjourned.