**Mossy Creek Middle School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2023 -- MCMS Media Center**

The School Council of Mossy Creek Middle School (MCMS) met in regular session on November 14, 2023, 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

Marcell Ausborn, counselor

Suzanne Ganas, teacher/parent

Patrick Chiapetta, parent

Sydney Howard, parent

Jason Brett, parent

Miranda Aguilar, student representative

Zoe Cunningham, student representative

Krishna Patel, student representative

**Call to Order**

Dr. Dean called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Attendees recited the pledge and observed a moment of silence.

**Review of Minutes**

Dr. Dean provided an overview of the minutes from September 12. A change will be made to the meeting date that was recorded at the beginning of the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. No members opposed, and the minutes were approved.

**New Business**

Dr. Dean shared that Mr. Jose Humberto Gama Ponce notified him prior to this meeting that he would not be able to serve as parent representative. A motion was made and seconded to elect Jason Brett as a parent representative. No one opposed.

**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.

**Principal Report:**

* The Perry Chamber of Commerce recognizes a Mossy Creek student each quarter for excellent performance in school. Evangeline Urbansky was selected for the first quarter of the school year. A second student will be selected after Thanksgiving.
* Ammon Holst is the recipient of the REACH Scholarship. Mr. Ausborn provided some information about the scholarship, which will award Ammon $10,000 for college.
* Drisana Biswas won the school’s spelling bee last week. She will compete in the county’s spelling bee.
* Dr. Dean shared information about recent sporting events. Mossy Creek’s seventh-grade softball team and the seventh-grade football team made it to the semi-finals. We are in the middle of soccer season for girls and boys.
* Aemalie Griffin was selected in the school raffle to be the Principal for the Day and was introduced to the committee. Proceeds from the raffle will be placed in the Adult Fund to purchase a new ice machine for the school.
* The school’s current academic focus targets Tier 1 instruction, which is instruction provided to all students in each grade level. Improvement of Tier 1 instruction will hopefully reduce the need to remediate academic deficiencies.
* Students were administered the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment in August and will take it again in December. The goal is for students to grow throughout the school year. Scores derived from MAP will give information regarding students’ need for remediation, enrichment, etc.
* Red Ribbon Week was recently observed to focus attention on drug awareness.
* Ms. Tamara Andrews, the school’s Military Life Counselor, works to support our students with family members in the military. She is currently looking at ways to support students with current world events requiring the deployment of some parents.
* The school will be closed to observe the Thanksgiving holiday next week.
* The school’s chorus will perform in a winter concert on December 7.
* Soccer playoffs begin December 7.
* Basketball will begin in January.
* The school’s band will perform a concert on December 19.
* The next school council meeting will be held February 13.
* Students will participate in a survey, required by the United States Department of Education, to assess their general attitudes about school, feelings concerning safety, and fitting in with the school body. These surveys are due in March.

**Teacher Report:**

Teachers recently received IXL training. IXL is a personalized learning program with instructional and assessment components. Students will use IXL during Gator Time. Teachers also received Canvas training, which is a learning platform the district is moving towards to replace Google Classroom. Final exams will be administered December 18, 19, and 20.

**Counselor Report:**

The results from the Georgia Health Survey should be sent to the school in December. Eighth-grade students will visit the Houston County Career Academy in February and high schools in March.

**Student Report:**

The theme for this year’s winter formal will be a masquerade ball. Students are looking for decorations and have started making posters. The formal will be held in February.

**Parent Report:**

Parents inquired about field trips that are scheduled for students. Teachers shared information about field trips planned for students in each grade. Dr. Dean wants to ensure the school offers trips that are financially feasible for most students’ families.

**Adjournment**

No additional concerns or questions were expressed. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting was adjourned.