**Mossy Creek Middle School**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2024 -- MCMS Media Center**

The School Council of Mossy Creek Middle School (MCMS) met in regular session on February 13, 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

Patrick Chiapetta, parent

Sydney Howard, parent

Krishna Patel, student representative

Payton Edwards, student representative

Miranda Aguilar, student representative

**Call to Order**

Dr. Dean called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. Attendees recited the pledge and observed a moment of silence.

**Review of Minutes**

Dr. Dean provided an overview of the minutes from November 14, 2023. 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:**

* The current student enrollment at MCMS is 775. MCMS is the second smallest school in the district. Many students have recently transferred from private schools, other public schools, and virtual schools. The apartments that are being built on Highway 96 in close proximity to the school are not finished, and the effects on enrollment are yet to be seen. Veterans Middle School is projected to open in 2026.
* The BOE will meet today and give schools the teacher allotments for the 2024-2025 academic year.
* Mrs. Sheppard, the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, is the only teacher who is leaving MCMS at the end of this school year. Mrs. McConnell, a sixth-grade gifted ELA teacher, will move into the Family and Consumer Science teaching position. Someone will be hired to fill Mrs. McConnell’s current position.
* The district’s job fair will be held at Veterans High School on Saturday, February 24.
* Mrs. Sharp, the school’s Assistant Principal for Instruction, will be leaving for maternity leave this week. David McDermott will assume the API responsibilities during her absence. Mr. Kenney, the Assistant Principal for Discipline, will also be leaving for six weeks due to medical reasons. Greg Peavy will oversee the APD duties until Mr. Kenney returns.
* Safety drills were conducted last week. They are required to be held once each semester. Dr. Dean explained the different emergency codes and procedures. He discussed a recent Code Blue medical emergency that occurred at the school.
* Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments were administered in August and December 2023. Scores were fairly encouraging. Notable growth was shown across grade levels in math. The assessments will be administered again in March.
* Recognitions:
  + Four sixth-grade students represented MCMS in the GMEA Honor Choir.
  + Four students were accepted into the GMEA All State Chorus.
  + Twenty-eight students made the District 11 Honor Band. (Seventeen percent of all honor band students selected were from MCMS.)
  + FCCLA received Super Champion recognition at the Georgia National Fair.
    - 1st place – Brochure
    - 1st place – Theme Speech
    - 1st place – Georgia Organics
    - 2nd place – Georgia Peanut Recipe
    - 2nd place – Chili Cook-off
    - Drisana Biswas excelled in the FCCLA Statement test earning Distinguished Statement Status. She will compete again in March.
    - FCCLA submitted three national programs: Career Connections, Community, Service, and FACTS.
* Athletics
  + We are reaching the end of the basketball season. Playoffs will begin soon.
  + Baseball and track tryouts will start March 4.

**Upcoming Events:**

* President’s Day 02/19
* Distance Learning Day 02/20
* Progress Reports 02/22
* Drama Performance “Willy Wonka” 03/17-10
* MCMS Pageant 03/16
* Student Holiday/Teacher Work Day 03/29
* Spring Break 04/01-05
* Next Council meeting – April 9

**Teacher Report:**

* Gator Time is being used to meet student needs according to MAP results.
* Having students go to the same Gator Time class two days of the week helps teachers provide sufficient support for students in needed areas.
* Teachers have been attending Canvas training as the Google Classroom platform will not be accessible by students next year.

**Counselor Report:**

A school counselor did not attend the meeting.

**Parent Report:**

* Parents did not express any concerns.

**Student Council Report:**

* Students enjoyed the recent Winter Formal.
* The Student Council recently surveyed seventh-grade gifted students about school-related concerns. Areas of concern included:
  + Quality of lunches
  + Cleanliness of restrooms
  + Use of lockers in classrooms
  + Improved washing methods for student athletes’ uniforms
  + Spectator conduct during games/Possible addition of a student designated seating area (in basketball)
  + Need for increased interaction by teachers during instruction

**Other Topics Brought Before the Council**

No additional topics were discussed.

**Adjournment**

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