

December 15, 2015

Clinch County Middle School

School Council Meeting

1. Welcome and Call to order.

- Mr. Kimbrell welcomed guests and council members as well as the CCMS Student Council.
- Thanked Coffee Corner for the use of their facility for the meeting.

2. Approved minutes of last meeting, September 17, 2015.

- Mr. Kimbrell reminded everyone in attendance that the minutes from each council meeting were on the ClinchCounty.com website.

3. Approved the agenda,

4. Introduced the CCMS Student Council Sponsor and members.

- 5th grade – Maggie Bell, David Tinajero
- 6th grade – Kearson Delk, Maddey McQuaig
- 7th grade – Mitchell King, Cara Kight, Zyhia Johnson, Landon Allen
- Maddey McQuaig explained the job of the student council and the projects that the council would be working on throughout the school year.

5. Mrs. Jerri Lynn Spivey discussed CCMS data from MAPS/ Improvement Plan.

- Did not have data from the new GA Milestones test when looking at the Improvement Plan, so data from MAPS was used. Data was reviewed for Fall '14 to Spring '15 percentages for math, reading, and language for All Students, Special Education Students, and Black/African American Students. Data was also reviewed for the same categories for Fall '15 to Winter '15.
- Now that we have GA Milestones data, the percentages and growth will change to reflect that data.
- As a school, we are well away from the 80% goal; Fall-Winter '15 shows we are above our percentages from last year, so improvements have been made; data shows math is our weakest subject. The 80% goal will be left in place because we feel that goal can be reached.
- To help increase percentages, vertical meetings going on throughout the school year.

6. Discussed Class-size and Student/Teacher Ratio.

- State Waivers state we can have up to 34 students.

- Because the current 6th grade class is smaller, there are only 4 teachers, whereas, 5th and 7th grades have 5 teachers. When the current 6th grade class moves up to 7th grade, one of the 7th grade teachers will move to 6th grade to accommodate the larger class size.
- In 2013-2014, 5th grade's highest number of students per class was 22; 6th grade's was 21; 7th grade's was 22. In 2014-2015, 5th grade's highest number of students per class was 18; 6th grade was 19; 7th grade was 20. In 2015-2016, 5th grade's highest number of students per class is 22; 6th grade's is 24; 7th grade's is 19.

7. Discussed Budget and Expenditures.

- It was noted that the board has attained a budget expert in order to help with the budget.
- Each function of the budget was discussed and explained what was paid from each one.
- Parent question – Where does the Box Tops go and what are they used for? Mrs. Lori Register explained that once the Box Tops are mailed in and the school receives the money, it is deposited into the fundraising account. All fundraising monies have to be spent on the students for things like playground equipment.

8. Discussed Attendance/Discipline compared to last year.

- During the 2014-2015 year, there were 28 ISS incidents compared to 27 during 2015-2016; there were 17 OSS incidents during 2014-2015 as compared to 36 during 2015-2016; there were 1014 days absent during 2014-2015 as compared to 796 during 2015-2016.
- Concerning the days absent – OSS is included in the number of absences for GaDoe data reporting, but was not included on the information sheet to show a better representation of student absenteeism.
- The increase in OSS incidents this year is primarily due to the increase in OSS assignments at the alternative school. The 36 incidences are between CCMS and the Alternative School.
- The attendance criterion was amended. Parents are meeting with the school administrator and the counselor. The DA is very supportive of students being in school.
- At 3 days absent, a letter is sent home to the parent. At 5 days absent, a mandatory meeting is scheduled. Absences are referred to the Retainment Committee also.

9. Discussed the Student Handbook and the changes that had been made for the current school year.

- Current changes were absences and early checkouts and dress code.
- Another recommendation for a change to the dress code concerning males with their long hair. It is too the point that some male students are wearing their hair over their face, and it obstructs their vision when in class. It is also sometimes difficult to recognize a student if the hair is covering the face. This is a safety/security concern. With the face being

covered, staff cannot distinguish if the person is a visitor or a student. It also interferes with teaching/learning because teachers cannot judge if student is engaged.

- During next school council meeting, will vote to add or dismiss. The Student Council will also give input on this concern. It was noted that if anything else concerning the handbook was addressed, this would be added to next meeting's agenda.

10. Discussed Fundraisers

- Mrs. Lori Register stated Winterfest went really well. Our schools appreciate all the community support!
- In the spring, we hope to do a Glow Run as a fundraiser.

11. Closing Comments/Questions/Concerns

- No comments, questions, or concerns.
- Meeting adjourned.