**CMS SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 4th, 2015

Submitted by Candy Ostrover

**Present**: D. Tate, C.Bucci, C. Ostrover, B. Remondino, R. Schultz, S. Jaafari, D.Belcher- Mikstay, S. McGowan, R. Scamarone, A. Hallett, M. Pino-Leite, L. Graziano,

Minutes:

1. Reviewed/Approved minutes of last meeting. Correction made for the spelling of Joe Claps name for the record.
2. **Mission Statement**

 We enjoyed a round table discussion of the mission statement. We will look at, edit, and revise the submitted mission statement, which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

*Cloonan Mission Statement (proposed)*

*Cloonan MS recognizes that in our diverse community, each child is an individual and bears an inherent capacity for learning. It is, therefore, our mission to provide dynamic learning opportunities in a safe environment, with challenging academics and skilled teachers who engage and challenge our students. It is also our goal, as a middle school, to recognize and support the emotional well-being of our adolescent students, embracing high standards of respect for one another, empathy and caring, and a strong understanding of good citizenship, so that they may go on to become active and responsible stewards of our world.*

1. **Update on the lending library**
2. We will contact Michelle Lapas and ask her to get us additional books.
3. Co-ordinate with M. Scott and L. Moody to have students Lexile books that come in.
4. Send an email blast to parents asking for books they have at home that are age appropriate for middle school. Students will bring the books to homeroom.
5. C. Ostrover will collect books from the homeroom teachers.

1. **Report Cards and Parent Portal**
2. There is a problem with report cards getting home, reviewed and returned with a signature.
3. A blast will be inserted into the report cards going home reminding parents about the parent portal. Mobile app usage is 9.2% presently, up from 6%.
4. Family event night will be advertised as an insert into the report card as well.
5. **Committee Members**

The council still needs an additional community member.

 **Additional items:**

* Discussion of common core and how it is implemented in CMS., the training the teachers receive and the technology involved in upcoming testing.
* SCG will meet the first Wednesday of the month, weather permitting. March 4th, April 8th, May 6 and June 3rd. (*please note: the March* *meeting was cancelled due to weather)*

**Proposed Agenda for the next meeting:**

* Review/discussion of the mission statement
* Lending library status
* Usage data on the parent portal
* Community member recommendations
* Regrouping changes
* Lexile results
* FTGOTO