**CMS SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2015

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

MINUTES:

1. Reviewed/Approved minutes of last meeting. Two spelling errors corrected for the record.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Mission Statement**: Mission statement submitted at the last meeting was discussed. It was proposed that the word developmental be added to one line. Mr. McGowan contributed another concise mission statement as did Mrs. Hallett. It was decided to present all proposed mission statements to the Cloonan faculty who will read, discuss and edit their version. A vote will be taken and submitted in writing.

2. **Summer Reading**: Talk To Me by Sonja Ellis. Book will be available to students both in hard copy and on line. There is an interactive journal component to accompany the book as well. Web site is ThroughMyWindow.org.

3. **Lending Library**: News blast went out about library. No donations were made. It was suggested that Jen Kelly from “Kids Helping Kids” a kid- driven program, will be contacted about book donations. Mrs. Mody and Mrs. Scott will follow up and Cloonan volunteers are sought to spearhead this project.

4.  **Community Member Recommendation**: Mrs. Harris suggested Eva Maldonado. Ms. Maldonado expressed an interest in joining our council. A resume was distributed to each member and she was unanimously accepted. Ms. Maldonado will be contacted and will be at our 5/6/16 meeting.

5. **Power School**: Mr. Tate shared with the council how many parents are utilizing Power Teacher. Discussion regarding what teachers include in Power Teacher, what is the requirement and what parents look for was entertained. Teachers are still getting used to and feeling comfortable with the system.

6.  **Regrouping:** Fewer students have been regrouped in January due to a different type of regrouping test.

* 4 students in 6th grade LA
* 9-10 students in 6th grade math
* 3 students in 7th grade LA
* 6 students in 7th grade math
* None in 8th grade LA
* No regrouping in 8th grade math due to algebra and pre-algebra courses

Entire school was re-lexiled. Overall the mean lexile went up. It is 888 now as compared to 823 in September. Another lexile test will be administered at the end of the year.

7.  **New Business:**

a. Agenda Books. How much are the students really using agenda books? What about emailing homework asssignments? These were questions that raised considerable discussion. Many ideas were brought to the table, such as tablets for students which our IT department will not support. Mr. Jaafari suggested a server for homework assignments. He would be able to set it up. Mr. Tate and Mr. Jaafari will discuss further. Mr. Tate also revealed that Cloonan is piloting Google Chrome Books in the next few weeks. Cloonan has secured 30 on a rolling cart. Cloonan also has three carts of IPADS but they are becoming obsolete.

b. History Day Project: This year the 8th grade are working on a Capstone Project. A discussion was had regarding this project and the readiness of 8th grade students for high school. Mr. Tate addressed this issue.

c. LA and Math packets will go home with students at the end of the school year to be completed in the summer and returned in September.

d. Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting:

1. Mission statement decision

2. Climate survey results

3. Eva Maldonado welcomed and add her to our mailing list

4. “Pilot” server idea with Mr. Jaafari and Ms. Christina Hefele from central office.

5. Questions about Cloonan Web Site, getting more parents activated

6. SBAC experience

7. Top ten things incoming Cloonan parents need to know

The meeting was adjourned.