

George A. Mercer Middle School Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **3/14/2018 5:45 PM** | Meeting location **Parent Resource Center**

Attendees:

Chairperson	Kelly Gadson
Principal	Dr. Christian Pantin
Teachers	Ms. Jordan Mackey, Mr. Kevin McNeil, Ms. Phyllis Grady
Parents	Kelly Gadson (Nevaeh Gadson), Anthony Venson (Myia Venson)
Business/Community Partners	Omar Robinson, Southern Comfort Cruisers

Guest and others attending

Ms. Tammy Murray (Parent Facilitator)	
Ms. Vida Smokes (Administrative Secretary)	

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
Opening: Pledge Allegiance/Inspiration	Led by Mr. McNeil Dr. Pantin read a "Thinking of You" for this week.
APPROVAL OF Prior MINUTES:	Jordan Mackey is approved by Council to take minutes. Kevin McNeil motioned to approved and seconded by Mr. Robinson.
OLD BUSINESS:	Mr. Charles McMillan explained The School Council Initiative to the School Council. The following chairpersons were elected for the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary. Ms. Kelly Gadson was elected as the School Council President, the Principal, Dr. Christian Pantin, as the Vice President and Ms. Jordan Mackey as the Secretary. Mr. McMillan explained that the school council's role is to give advice to the Superintendent and SCCPSS. The school council must meet four times per year and the minutes must be made public. Business partners are not elected by the school but they are appointed. The school council may recommend the potential candidate for the position of Principal if the position is advertised by the Superintendent. Mr. McMillan asked the Principal to leave the room to be more specific with the school council. Mr. McMillan advised the school council to be prepared for the interviewing process at any moment. Per school council requirements, bylaws must be created for next meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:	<p>Tutorial Structures now in place: The GMAS EOG Tutorial begins on March 19th and is sponsored by Title 1. It will run Monday-Thursday. Once GMAS testing begins, April 11th, the school cannot advertise for testing during testing.</p> <p>Mercer Middle School Grade Recovery Program begins next week as well- March 19th-April 2nd. Board policy supports grade recovery programs, it is up to the teacher's discretion to allow students to make up/complete assignments on site- afterschool.</p>
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	<p>Saturday Academy continues throughout the month of March and April with a week off during the Spring Break period.</p> <p>Mercer Middle School established a Raider P.R.I.D.E Club in which students must have an 80% in all classes, less than 5 unexcused absences, less than 3 tardies, and no in school or out of school suspensions. Rewards and invitations will be provided by the PBIS committee. Posters will be made and announced to recognize students that are members of the club, in order to help improve school culture and climate. End of the year celebration for students who are members include: possible t-shirts, free dress down day, other possible incentives to be suggested to PBIS committee.</p> <p>Ms. Gadson suggested a conduct grade incentive in order to promote character building in Mercer students.</p>
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<p>NEW BUSINESS: Report of the President</p>	<p>Potential fund raisers for 8th grade students for 8th grade activity week: Firstly, selling \$1 chocolate bars in which students must purchase the chocolate first then sell the box. Secondly, and a potential car wash. Mr. McNeil reported on the status of the fundraising committee for 8th grade week activities: a potential pollen wash, teachers will sell concessions post lunch, and have Friday dress downs. Staff will encourage teachers to sponsor students for events and activities. Ms. Gadson suggested a “color run” or “fun run” in which students register online and all donations are taken online. Dr. Pantin suggested having a Chili’s spirit night in which a portion of the funds are given back to Mercer Middle School. Ms. Gadson suggested Dairy Queen in Pooler for one month and Chili’s another month. Mr. McNeil commented on the progress of Mercer Raider Pride and the positive changes happening here. Mr. Omar Robinson sponsored five students for the dress down day that is taking place this Friday, March 16th. Mr. McNeil then suggested having a sponsor wall for recognition. Due to the topic needing more discussion, Mr. McNeil suggested Ms. Gadson, himself, and others showing interest form a sub- committee in which they discuss fundraising possibilities for 8th grade week. This will meet Friday, March 16, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. Teacher Appreciation- Ms. Gadson mentioned having a possible vendor for Publix that we should use for 8th grade week luncheons. Mr. McNeil brought up needing more support the teachers and Ms. Gadson suggested more PTA involvement. Mr. Robinson suggested giving last year’s <i>Teacher of the Year</i> “A night out on the town” prior to voting in a new one.</p> <p>Dr. Pantin expects all teachers to contact their homeroom classes’ parents by phone to attend the next S.W.A.G night- “Gearing up for GMAS Parent Night” on March 21st.</p> <p>Ms. Gadson suggested a new event, involving Ms. Dunbar (art teacher), and having an “art show” in which we invite parents, set up like a reception.</p> <p>End of the Year All Grades Award Ceremony- May 9th 5:30-6:30 Academic and athletic awards will be done on that night. Superlatives can be done the same night. Teachers present their talents to perform for the audience. It will be another high impact night that covers all things stated above. Invitations will be sent out to students for personalization. Ms. Gadson would like to make sure all students are included and it is advertised as a show.</p> <p>“If you give a kid an opportunity, they will shine.” –Mr. Robinson</p>
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<p>SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:</p>	<p>Mr. McNeil would like to make sure a fundraising update will be given at the next meeting.</p>		
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS:</p>	<p>The date for our next Curriculum/Parent night will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.</p>		
<p>Other:</p>			
<p>NEXT MEETING DATE:</p>	<p>April 25, 2018</p>	<p>ADJOURNED:</p>	<p>6:41 pm</p>

