

Cartersville Middle School Governance Council

Our Vision:

“A Tradition of Excellence – Making It Personal”

Our Mission:

The mission of Cartersville Middle School is to equip students to become responsible, productive citizens by providing a safe, cooperative learning environment that encourages students to reach their potential.

2017-18 Officers:

Chairperson- Charissa Pritchett
Vice Chairperson-Lindsey Montgomery
Secretary-Callie Palmer

School Governance Council Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2017

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>SPEAKER:</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Refreshments -Charissa welcomed, led members in Pledge of Allegiance	Charissa Pritchett	7:00 - 7:04
II. Secretary’s Report -November meeting discussed	Callie Palmer	7:04 - 7:08
III. Mid-Term Exemption	Ken, Council Members	7:08 – 7:30

MINUTES re: Mid-Term Exemption (lasted the entire meeting)

Review of Specifics

-Final Exam Exemptions, Thursday Dec 14, Friday Dec 15

-Alternate Schedule

-1 hr, 15 minute final for periods 1,3,5 on Thursday; three 45 minute periods in PM

-1 hr, 15 minute final for periods 2,4,6 on Friday; three 45 minute periods in PM

-Teachers Conferenced with All students on Monday

-Parents Notified on Monday, December 11

-Students with a 90 Average can have 3 absences

-Students with an 85 Average can have 2 absences

-Students with an 80 Average can have 1 absences

-CMS Exam Eligibility Form

Plusses for the Mid Term Exemptions(+)

- 1) Consistent with CHS
- 2) Motivation for attendance (Attendance has improved!)
- 3) Kids excited
- 4) Conferences between each teacher and each student
- 5) Students were given the option to take the final to improve their grade even when they were not required to take the final
- 6) Every child was on the same exemption schedule

Deltas (-)

- 1) Permission Slips could be revised (“If I exempt my exam, I have permission to stay home”)
- 2) Carbon Copy for the parents to sign and send back in if the students don’t have to take it
- 3) Dependent on parent for transportation
- 4) Need a study skills
- 5) Students are exempting final exams because of their outstanding grades/attendance/behavior. Need a “Study Skills” class to prepare for future exams.
- 6) Absences in PowerSchool do not match office
- 7) Talk with PowerSchool developer and see if there is a way to show school wide alignment and technical solutions for helping with exemptions
- 8) Two days of exams might need to be changed
- 9) Paperwork with parents may need changes with an additional parent signature

General Consensus among SGC members was allowing CMS students to exempt their exams will enhance good behavior, grades and attendance.

Next Steps

- 1) Survey parents, students, staff in 2018
- 2) Share results with SGC, students, parents, staff
- 3) Implement any recommended changes for the second semester
- 4) Make a decision for 2018-19

RAN OUT OF TIME; DID NOT GET TO COVER THE REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS

III.	College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) -2017 Score -Late Notice -Growth Model -Training on Monday, December 4 -Changes for 2018 -Faculty Meeting, Wednesday December 6, Wednesday January 17 -Brainstorm Ways for Improvement (Schedule Changes??) -Alternate Schedules Used by Other Schools	Ken	7:30 – 7:38
IV.	School Hours, 8:30 – 3:30 -Ideas for Operation for 2018-19	Ken	7:38 – 7:41
V.	2018 – 19 Budget Requests for Summer Projects	Ken Ken	7:41 – 7:45
VI.	Open January 4 1:00, training for parents for the parent portal SLDS invitations went out this week.		7:45...

The next scheduled CMS School Governance Council Meeting is on Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 a.m. in our Media Center