

Cartersville Middle School

Governance Council

2023-2024

November 28, 2023

1. Welcome
2. Principal Update
 - a. Enrollment – 1048
 - i. 5 new students after Thanksgiving
 - ii. 3 withdrew
 - iii. Out of district requests continue through year
 1. 7th/8th grade will have to wait until Christmas Break
 2. More flexibility in 6th grade
 - b. Parent/Student Courses
 - i. Support for parents and students navigating early teen years
 1. Cell phones, Vaping, Social Media
 2. Increase in larger discipline issues that originate outside of school
 3. Decrease in smaller issues within the school building
 - ii. Best time to offer-
 1. Open House/tie into an existing event
 2. Separate event
 - iii. Educational Module tied to consequences for vaping, etc.
 - iv. Get feedback – how, when, what topics?
 - c. Winter Athletics
 - i. Basketball
 1. 6 teams – 3 girls, 3 boys
 - ii. Wrestling
 - iii. Basketball Cheerleading
 - d. Grade Level Transitions
 - i. 5th to 6th
 1. Elective Teachers go to CES
 2. Parent Fair – electives set up tables, teacher teams, Honors courses, etc
 3. 5th grade student tours
 - a. Principal meeting
 - b. Student Panel
 - c. Tour
 - d. Visit elective courses
 - ii. 8th to 9th
 1. 8th grade teachers help build high school schedule
 - a. Honors recommendations

b. Pathways

2. High School Counselors come meet with 8th grade during science classes to discuss pathways, options for summer credits, etc.
3. Bus 8th graders over for pep rally/tour
4. 8th grade parents/students come to CMS to meet with counselors to look at schedule, recommendations, pathways, credits, etc.
5. Summer Open House for Freshmen
6. Parent video will be sent out explaining credits, course offerings

3. Upcoming Events

- a. Holiday Band Concert – 12/5
- b. MAP Testing – 12/5-12/7
- c. Holiday Chorus Concert – 12/12
- d. Mid Term Exams/Final Exam – 12/15 & 12/18
 - i. Cannot take exams early
- e. Half Day -12/19
 - i. CMS dismisses at 12:00

4. Open Discussion

- a. Next meeting – January 30th
- b. Winter Break – February 19th -23rd
- c. Digital Day – March 13th