

## **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**

<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER:</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
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 Conferred 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**