Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, April 25, 2024
12:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call Meeting Called to Order @12:44

Courtney Allgood (Vice-Chairperson)
Colette Hollifield (Chairperson)
Dr. Kelly Lathem
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith (Secretary)
Mollie Stowe
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of February Minutes (attached) Approved @ 12:45

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report
   - See Principal Report notes below.

B. Service Years and New Members for 2024-25
   Courtney Allgood – June 2024 (June 2026 agreed to serve another term)
   Colette Hollifield – June 2025
   Dr. Kelly Lathem – June 2024 (June 2026 agreed to serve another term)
   Crystal Schlieman – June 2025
   Kaitlin Smith – June 2024 (June 2026 agreed to serve another term)
   Mollie Stowe June 2025

C. Next Meeting –

TBD 1st Quarter 2024-25 School Year

IV. Adjournment @ 1:36

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Magnet School Council

Principal's Report

April 25, 2024

- April enrollment update – 633 students enrolled
  - K-3rd – average class size 21
  - 4th-5th – average class size 25 (24 in 4th grade; 26 in 5th grade)

- 4th Quarter Update:
  - Teacher teams are planning for strong finish to 2023-24 and beginning to plan for 2024-25 school year
  - Allotments for next year: K-5; 1st-5; 2nd-4; 3rd-5; 4th-4; 5th-4
  - New 2024-25 team members participating in Spring and Summer planning as much as possible:
    - Chase Armour, Assistant Principal
    - Rebecca Ann Goebel (moving to Kindergarten)
    - Rebecca Bowman (moving to 2nd Grade)
    - Mandy Moyers (moving to 2nd Grade)
    - Anna Edwards (moving to 4th Grade)
    - Tina Burrell (moving to 5th Grade)
    - Teresa Barnett (moving to Connections)
    - Helen Scovill (moving to ESOL)
    - Kaitlin Smith (EIP)
    - Morgan Gunter, Special Education
    - Stephanie Gibson, Media Clerk (part-time)
    - Christin Simmons, Kindergarten Paraprofessional
    - Jennifer Vandiver, Special Education Paraprofessional
    - Opening, Special Education Paraprofessional

- Spring assessments – April and May – focusing on growth and information for differentiation and next year's planning
  - GKIDS K
  - MAP K-5th
  - MAP Reading Fluency K-3rd
  - EOG Milestones 3rd-5th
  - Hall County Math Fluency 1st-5th

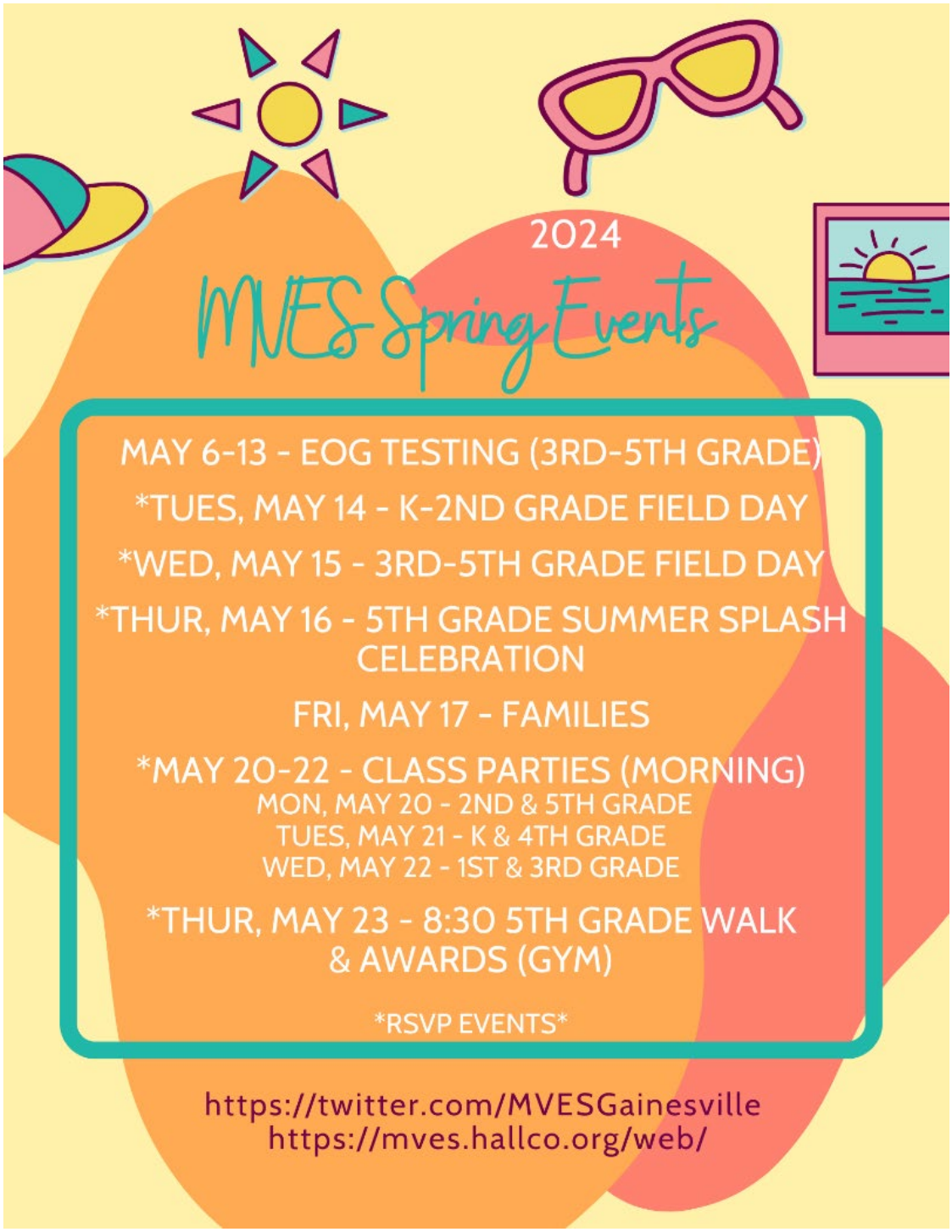
- 2024-25 CNA/SIP (Consolidated Needs Assessment/School Improvement Plan)
  - Stakeholder survey shared through newsletter and website
  - Input from Magnet Council – What are some areas of strength? Growth areas?
    - Strengths
      - Security of the School
    - Growth
      - Parental concern about students not changing classes in 5th grade. Mrs. Westbrook shared that MVES is working on looking at this.
      - Mental Health Awareness
      - Social Media Instruction

        - Books on approved book list-“Wait ‘Til Helen Comes”
    - Sign-in sheet

- Welcome to Kindergarten Program (thanks to PTO for sponsoring!)
    - July 22-23
    - Families can register for the one-day morning session following their K registration confirmation.
    - Nonresident K applicants will be included following acceptance for the 2024-25 school year.

Upcoming Dates

- Week of May 6
    - EOG Milestones Testing (3rd-5th Grade)
    - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 13 - 5th Grade EOG Milestones Testing (last day)



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I. Call to Order - Roll Call 12:38 Meeting Called to Order

Courtney Allgood (Vice-Chairperson)
Colette Hollifield (Chairperson)
Dr. Kelly Lathem
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith (Secretary)
Mollie Stowe
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of November Minutes (attached) Approved at 12:39

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

- February Enrollment-634 students enrolled (remaining steady with enrollment)
  - K-3rd-average class size 21
  - 4-5-average class size 25 (24 in 4th grade; 26 in 5th grade)

- District PBIS visit Jan 10th
  - Visit went well-formal report hasn't been given yet
  - Spoke with students about Trojan Way and PBIS implementation.

- Midyear MAP assessments completed
  - Grade level percentages shared with council.
    - Higher growth and achievement in math
    - Compared to district we looked strong, but would like to continue growth and achievement in both reading and math.
    - Lower grades currently have higher achievement in lower grades than in upper grades.
  - Kindergarten and 3rd grade received banners for having the highest growth in reading and math.
  - Students received individual certificates for meeting their own growth goal.
    - Students are setting goals to help improve skills and in turn will improve achievement score.

- Museum Nights
  - A grandparent wrote into Gainesville Times talking about Museum Night and public schools.

- 1st and 2nd grade will showcase on March 21st. After this, all grade levels will have showcased their learning this school year.

- CCRPI-state data report https://ccrpi.gadoe.org (Mount Vernon, choose Elementary Report Type)
  - At the school we have a focus on grade level reading percentage (reading on or above grade level).
    - Between 68% and 69% of MVES students that took Milestones are reading on or above grade level.

- 2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration-weekly newsletter and hallco.org for info
  - Timeline for 2024-25 Nonresident Enrollment
    - Magnet Application deadline March 1 for Grades 1-5
    - Kindergarten opens March 18-deadline April 10
  - Tuition Applications (first time applicants)
    - Application opens March 1 (district website)
    - Application deadline March 22
  - Video on our website to share about our K-5 grade enrichment opportunities.
  - The Kindergarten Team and Admin are meeting to determine new kindergarten orientation.

Council Questions/Concern/Input

- Dr. Lathem and Ms. Hollifield shared her concern with the anxiety level of students.
- Ms. Hollifield inquired about In-district vs district student percentage. Ms. Westbrook will pull that data to share.
- Mr. Armour will join the next Magnet Meeting.

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- District PBIS visit January 10

- Midyear MAP assessments complete
  - Midyear assessment parent reports shared
  - All parents should have had a parent-teacher conference (or schedule before Spring Break)

- Museum Nights
  - K, 3rd, 4th, 5th grade complete – great job!
  - 1st & 2nd scheduled for March 21

- CCRPI – state data report https://ccrpi.gadoe.org (Mount Vernon, choose Elementary Report Type)

- January teacher peer observations & professional learning focused on feedback

- February PL Day
  - AI as a Tool for Teachers with Brian Buffington, Ashley Ruis and Heather Riley
  - Literacy Modules – began Oral Language (will continue during PL release time and March PL Day)

- 2024-25 Registration – see handout and weekly newsletter/Hallco.org for info

  Click here for more information about 2024-25 Kindergarten Registration.

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  Kindergarten Transfer Requests (Hall County residents) open on March 18, during Kindergarten Registration, and parents/guardians should first register their child in their zoned school, then complete the In-District Transfer Request via Infinite Campus.

- Video (on website) to share about our K-5th grade enrichment opportunities

Attached: MAP midyear data summary, K registration flyer

Upcoming Dates

- February 29 – Picture Day
- March 1 – K-5th Families
- March 4 (Week) – Read Across America
- March 16 –
  - Musical at NHHS
  - NHCEF Annual Auction
- March 18 – 21 – Kindergarten Registration
- March 21
  - Report Cards
  - 1st & 2nd Grade Museum Night
- March 22 – Teacher Workday
- Week of March 25 –
  - Math Mania
  - One and Done
- Week of April 1 – Spring Break