I. **Call to order**

Maryland Nesmith called to order the regular meeting of the CMS School Council at 5:05 p.m. in the conference room.

II. **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Charles Wallace, Brandi Wells, Maryland Nesmith, Sherrie Raymore, Allison Barbour, Ronardo Reeves, Iranetta Willis

III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. **Open issues**

   a) **Wish list** – we need to continue to pursue our partner relationships and plan for 2011 requests. Per Sherrie Raymore the items of compass, patty paper and rulers can be dropped from the wish list. Additional items for emergency kits added (supplies for emergency situations such as flooding, lock down, etc.). Remaining list to be reviewed at the next meeting – prioritizing and planning for item requests including: outdoor classroom, security updates/additions, track/field, landscaping, greenhouse, bbq pit, indoor concessions, printing needs, basic supplies for students in need.

   b) **Parent involvement** – Any suggestions were welcomed for increasing parental involvement in the school. Use of a virtual school was suggested for students whom are unable to attend Safety Nets in the afternoon due to external factors.

**New business**

   a) **Budgets** – appropriations, Title I plan discussed.

   Appropriations will be going away next year and the County is deciding how they will continue to fund the AVID program for students in the county. AVID uses college field trips to introduce and inspire; overall up to 33 students/class.

   Title I Notebook with plan is available in Parent Center. Plan sent home by students earlier in the year with rapid communication system alerting parents to look for it. Title I (3 new teachers paid with funds to reduce class size), school is 75% free or reduced lunch. When volunteering at the school, parents are being asked to read a section of the Title I Plan to familiarize themselves with the document, as well as offer suggestions, comments or concerns on the plan to make it better. Any feedback will be considered and is greatly appreciated.

   Study buddies for students to use in classrooms are currently being looked into. We are trying to purchase at least 10 sets of 5, to increase student engagement in learning through the use of technology.

   The Science Enrichment class will be replaced by the Writing class next year.
Weekly Parent communication folders are being looked into for teachers to use next year to increase parent involvement as well as student success.

b) Bullying programs---piloting new program for the county called Talk About It Program - students have begun to slow down with the use of this program and a plan to reintroduce it to students is currently being looked into.

c) Attendance – 95.95% attendance average to date, attendance incentives (CRCT) discussed
   An attendance report will be analyzed this Friday. Overall student attendance in school for the benchmarks has been excellent. There have only been, on average, about two students out in some of the homerooms. CRCT attendance incentives were discussed and included ordering mints for every student to encourage brain based learning and stimulate the minds of our students while testing. Also breakfast and bottled water for all students is being looked into. We currently have enough for two of the five testing days. We are also looking for a motivational speaker to get the students pumped up before the test.

d) SOLO program – is currently being used by several Language Arts and the Writing teacher to improve student writing.

V. Adjournment

Maryland Nesmith adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM. Next meeting is March 16, 2011 5PM.

Minutes submitted by: Sherrie Raymore (substituting for Joy Stewart)

Minutes approved by: