



Cherokee County School District
School Council Meeting
Agenda

Knox STEM Academy

2/11/2021 | Virtual | 8:30

Board members Name, Principal | Name, Chair | Name, Vice Chair | Name, Secretary

- Jennifer McIntosh, Principal - present
- Leslie Hicks, Media Specialist - present
- Amy Dickinson, Teacher - present
- Ansley Wood, Parent – not present
- Dustin Crider, Parent - present
- Jaime Pitts, Parent - present
- Tiffany Bird, Parent - present

8:30 AM	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome 	Jennifer McIntosh
8:32 AM	1. Agenda Review	Jennifer McIntosh
8:33 AM	2. Approval of Minutes (date) (Action Item) Tiffany Bird made a motion to approve and Dustin Crider seconded the motion	Name: Jennifer McIntosh
AM	3. Reports: None	Name: Jennifer McIntosh
AM	4. Agenda Items (Action Items highlighted in red) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Testing Overview (Access/Milestones) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCESS testing is for our English as Second Language students who are bilingual. • The staff made encouraging notes and posters for students during testing. • Administrators made a bilingual video of encouragement for those students. • We are working on building not only a learning community but one that appreciates each other's diversity and culture. • Milestones Testing has been moved back to May for 3rd thru 5th grade students. b. County Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum and Instruction will be visiting Knox after February break to observe our STEM, Science and Social Studies classrooms/lessons. We value their partnership, feedback and support. c. Mid-Year Benchmarks and Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These were completed in December. i-Ready and Easy CBM are programs used to benchmark students, as well as Scholastic. The data is then used to plan instruction. • This data is reviewed and analyzed by teachers and admin. Administrators meet with all teachers individually to both celebrate successes and support any classroom needs they may have. • Teachers have individual student conferences throughout the year with parents and students. • The Council looked at iReady data from the fall benchmark to see winter benchmark growth. d. STEM Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third quarter STEM initiative. All grade levels are creating a STEM unit that has a real-world problem. They will connect it to all content areas. Students and teachers will continue to work through the Engineering Design Loop. • We are fostering a rigorous, real world learning environment at Knox where critical thinking, communication, creativity and communication take the lead in our lesson planning. e. Digital Update/Remote Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 98 digital students, so some are returning to face to 	Name Kerri Schmitt Jennifer McIntosh Kerri Schmitt Jennifer McIntosh Jennifer McIntosh Kerri Schmitt



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face.

- During remote learning we received feedback from parents that it was much better. Parent, Dustin Crider, spoke to that it was much more manageable this time.
- Parent, Tiffany Bird, also spoke to the fact that learning continued during remote learning. Parent, Jaime Pitts, also commented on how well the teachers did during this time.

f. Companies that Care/Partners in Education

- Knox has added two Companies that Care: Bananas and Beehives and Warrior Express.
- Knox wants to strengthen their Partners in Education with a focus on STEM. The Council discussed what makes a Partner in Education and how Knox wants to bring in those industries that deal with critical thinking, problem solving, design process, and STEM fields. We are looking for partners that can come in (or virtually) impact our students through motivation, curiosity, or even through their own success story.

9:08 AM	5. Old Business - None	Jennifer McIntosh
9:09 AM	6. Future Agenda Items - None	Jennifer McIntosh
9:09 AM	7. Public Comment - None	Jennifer McIntosh
9:10 AM	8. Adjournment/Time/Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2021 8:30	Jennifer McIntosh