

**Knox Elementary STEM Academy**  
**School Council – Wednesday, December 15, 2021**  
**8:00 AM-Media Center**

Members Present: J. McIntosh, P. Gorges, A. Wood, K. Estes, D. Crider, J. Puckett

Not Present: C. Parker

Call to Order: 8:03am

Agenda Review

- Review of Knox Vision/Mission Statements
- School Improvement Plan – Detailed Presentation
- Benchmark Updates
- Technology Updates
- 2021 GASB Governance Team of the Year & Leading Edge Awards

**Minutes of the School Council Meeting:**

***Mission Statement*** – reviewed hard copy of Mission

- Talked through the mission with the group – we stand by this direction of our mission
  - Mission aligns with CCSD
  - Cultivating curiosity, critical thinking, and creating real-world connections – lends itself directly to STEM
  - Global thoughts of STEM – businesses now are looking for employees who can work collaboratively, express themselves verbally and in written form
  - Growth Mindset – empowerment for students and all staff members to reach their full potential
- “you may not be there yet” – making progress toward goals – both for students, administration, faculty, and staff members
- Data binders – students set goals, create a plan to reach the goal and data is recorded

***Vision Statement*** – reviewed hard copy of Vision

Vision aligns with CCSD

- Problem solving, thinking critically, collaborating, and creating risk takers
- STEM certification goal – county wanted certification within three years, but COVID hit, and our goal is to meet certification in 2023
- STEM certification will come through COGNIA (was called AdvancedEd) – will bring the rubric to the next meeting

### ***School Improvement Plan (More detailed review)***

- At the start of the school year, there is a large document called the Locally Required Plan that speaks to the goals of our school – Professional development, SEL (social emotional learning), media center, technology, curriculum, etc.
- Goal 1 and Goal 2 – Goal 1 ELA Milestones; Goal 2 Math Milestones-These goals align with CCSD's strategic plan
- Goal 1 and Goal 2 have action plans – implement Explicit Vocabulary Instruction
- Goal 1 and Goal 2 – provide meaningful, authentic, and timely feedback
- Book study with L. Smith (Instructional Lead Strategist) – looking at vocabulary in tiers – both academic and content vocabulary words for ELA and math  
Example: *Compare* and *contrast* these reading passages
- ***Benchmark Updates:***
- Benchmark three times a year – August, December, late April/early May
- Diagnostic scores are produced for each child so that learning can start where they are and move forward with learning
- Benchmarks help teachers place students in learning/instruction groups (flexible grouping to meet the needs of all students)
- ELA – Scholastic

### **Technology Updates:**

- \$17,000 spent for two Chrome book carts (PTA fundraiser)
- Over two years – spent nearly \$100,000 to increase technology
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade are one-to-one with technology with other grade levels very close to the goal of one-to-one with technology devices

School Board Acknowledgement-Congratulations!

- 2021 GASB Governance Team of the Year and Leading-Edge Awards  
Congratulations to the CCSD School Board