

Free Home Elementary

School Council Meeting

February 8, 2022

1. Call to Order – 7:05 AM by Kristin Hornsby. Those in attendance were Lacy Savage, Krissy Cloud, Kristin Hornsby, Becky Chimera, and Principal Julie Peppers, with Jay Wallace and Courtney Lott joining virtually.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda – unanimous acceptance vote
4. Approval of prior meeting notes from 11/16/21
5. Report of the Principal
 - a. Enrollment Update – 2019/2020 had 287 students, 2020/2021 had 283, and 2021/2022 has 301 currently. Kindergarten registration began 2/1/22.
 - b. Covid -19 response – parents are doing a great job keeping the school posted and keeping students home who don't feel well or are waiting on test results. Using DPH guidance. There is currently a hold on visitors per CCSD due to higher volume of positive cases after the holidays, but approval was granted for events such as school pictures coming up this week, beta club induction, and school council meeting. 3rd and 5th grade were able to enjoy field trips as well.
 - c. Krissy Cloud gave an update on Cognia, SIP, and PBIS. Cognia is an accreditation program. There were 9 schools in Cherokee County selected. She went over the “Big 5” categories put in place by Cherokee County, which include enhancements to the ELA curriculum, CTAE expansion (work based programs beyond high school), specialized learning programs, STEM integration, and blended learning (Ms. Cochran and Mrs. Cloud look at standards to make it challenging for digital learners). For PBIS, all 3 of the missions groups received t-shirts funded by PTA. There will be a 3rd quarter celebration before spring break to recognize positive behavior and leadership. The Instructional Framework brochure was shared with us, which explains the steps of design concept (planning), instruction, assessing, students response, and reflection.
 - d. Upcoming events – 2/10 is Spring Pictures, 2/14 is Valentine's Day (school council sent out Valentine grams, along with other classroom festivities), 2/21-2/25 is Winter Break, 3/2 is Read Across America Day, 3/5 is the Job Fair, 3/11 is March Madness Basketball Wear, 3/14-3/18 is Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week, 3/17 is the County Art Show, 3/19 is the County Science Olympiad, 3/25 is PTA Bingo, 3/31 is Baseball Wear for Opening Day, 4/4-4/8 is Spring Break, 4/16 is the County Academic Bowl, and the next council meeting will be 4/19 at 7:00 AM.

- e. Exciting News – Volunteer of the Year is Kristin Hornsby, and Business Partner of the Year is Allegro Business Products. Free Home’s Reading Bowl team represented well in the County Reading Bowl Competition in January. Mrs. Barrett is leading Common Sense Certified, a program that teaches digital citizenship to students.
- 6. Old Business – Mrs. Peppers had a call with Mitch Hamilton for an update on the groundbreaking for the park and new school, which is still on target for Oct/Nov.
- 7. New Business – a Virtual election for next year’s school council will be in April. Several of the members are 5th grade parents so will be rolling off. The week of 4/11-4/14 will be open for nominations, with the ballot to vote coming on 4/15. 4/18-4/22 is when the election will be held, and the new members will be notified by 4/25.
- 8. Adjournment – 7:45 AM.