Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
August 18, 2022	A-15

Title

Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the City of Ball Ground and Cherokee County Council of PTA

Requested Action

School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of Partnership Agreements with the City of Ball Ground and Cherokee County Council of PTA

Summary Explanation and Background

One of the School Board's Blueprint 2020-24 Five Priority Areas is increasing meaningful family, partner and community engagement. We believe the meaningful connections we forge with students, families and community partners positively influence how we teach, lead and prepare graduates for success in a knowledge-based, technology rich and culturally diverse world.

The School Board is requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the partnership agreement renewals with the City of Ball Ground and Cherokee County Council of PTA.

Priority Area

Family, Partner and Community Engagement

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Agreements Attached

Source of Additional Information

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

THE CITY OF BALL GROUND

This agreement entered into on this 18th day of August, 2022 ~~1st day of September, 2016~~ by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and the City of Ball Ground hereinafter referred to as "Ball Ground."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to ~~enable all students to become contributing citizens who can communicate effectively, gather and use information, make responsible decisions and adapt to the challenges of the future~~ educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students, and

WHEREAS, one of the School ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement, and

WHEREAS, Ball Ground's mission is to provide responsive local governmental services and lead local efforts that enhance the quality of life for residents of the City and the surrounding community.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference:

ARTICLE II

The School Board:

1. Shall assess no costs to the other party in cases of easement granting.

2. Shall share information and facilities in emergency situations, such as natural disasters and inclement weather; and share information concerning road conditions, especially in inclement weather.

3. Shall continue to allow the City use of Ball Ground ES STEM Academy's facility for city-sponsored events.

4. Shall develop methods to work in conjunction with the City in their zoning process, so that developers are routinely expected to mitigate the financial impact on the school system and Ball Ground.

ARTICLE III

Ball Ground:

1. Shall assess no costs to the other party in cases of easement granting of City-controlled property.

2. Shall share information and facilities in emergency situations, such as natural disasters and inclement weather; and share information concerning road conditions, especially in inclement weather

3. Shall coordinate needs determinations and future City construction projects with the School Board's Department of Planning and Forecasting.

4. Shall develop methods to work in conjunction with the School Board in its zoning process, so that developers are routinely expected to mitigate the financial impact on the school system and City.

5. Provide City of Ball Ground employees as judges for the School System Science Fair, Young Authors Fair, Governors Honors, Speech Contests and other related functions.

6. Provide and establish a Speakers Bureau list, for City employees to serve as classroom speakers on requested topics.

7. Continued sponsorship of Reading Mentoring; an Accelerated Reader middle of the year ice cream award party; $100 donation for a quarterly school attendance award and other activities when possible.

8. Continue participation in the Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education program.

9. Encourage relationships between Ball Ground Public Library and Ball Ground ES STEM Academy students. (Current SIP incorporates Public Library for reading objective).

10. Consider development of a program to encourage Ball Ground residents to complete their high school degree with possible financial incentives.

11. Continue providing, whenever possible, a Ball Ground Police Department officer to assist with morning car rider line duty at Ball Ground ES STEM Academy.

12. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, Ball Ground must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

ARTICLE IV

The term of this contract is August 18, 2022 through August 18, 2023 ~~September 1, 2016 through September 1, 2017~~. This contract shall automatically renew for additional terms not to exceed five years unless either party notifies the other at least 60 days prior to renewal date.

ARTICLE V

This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party with or without cause. All notice of this contract shall be given to the Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools at PO Box 769, ~~110 Academy Street~~, Canton, Georgia 30169~~14~~, and to the Mayor of Ball Ground, at P.O. Box 285, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this document the first date referred to herein.

CITY OF BALL GROUND

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A.R. Roberts, III, Mayor

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Attest: Karen L. Jordan, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower

Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Tom Roach, Esquire

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

CHEROKEE COUNTY COUNCIL of PTA

This agreement entered into on this 18th day of August, 2022 ~~11th day of August, 2016~~ by and between The Cherokee County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the "School Board" and Cherokee County Council of PTA, hereinafter referred to as "Council PTA."

WHEREAS, the School Board's mission is to educate the emerging generation through learning environments designed to increase the performance of all students; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process; and,

WHEREAS, one of the School ~~Board's Major System Priorities is to increase parental and community involvement through public engagement policies and practices that treat parents, businesses, community-based organizations and agencies, local institutions of higher learning and other public entities as true partners in the educational process~~ District's Priority Areas is Family, Partner and Community Engagement, and

WHEREAS, the Council PTA's theme is "Every Child, One Voice;" and,

WHEREAS, Council PTA intends to work closely with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools in order to establish priorities and promote issues that benefit our school community; and to continue the communication and support between the Council, Board of Education, Local Units and our Community while promoting the Six

Standards of PTA: Welcoming All Families, Communicating Effectively, Supporting Student Success, Speaking Up for Every Child, Sharing Power, and Collaborating with the Community.

Now therefore in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

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ARTICLE II

The School Board will:

1. Provide the opportunity for Council leadership to provide information and refreshments at the CCSD Leadership Symposium.

2. Distribute information to school principals regarding Council's collection drives for their community outreach programs.

3. Support the concept of PTA programs at every school site.

4. Provide professional development opportunities for PTA Council leadership.

5. Link PTA Council's website to the Cherokee County School System homepage, provided appropriate firewalls and software are in place.

6. Endorse PTA sponsored activities and events and provide the use of system facilities for these events, including the Annual District PTA Conference.

7. Conduct biannual meetings between PTA Council leadership and the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designee(s).

8. Provide a mailbox, paper, copying and faxing arrangements for information distribution to schools and athletes.

9. Provide a page for correspondence to parents in the Annual Student/Parent Handbook.

10. Print the Council PTA Handbook and newsletter (PTA providing paper) at the School System Print Shop.

11. Work cooperatively with Council leadership and their Grant Review Team to pursue grant opportunities.

12. Allow for the opportunity for Innovation Zone Lead Principals to meet with Council of PTA leadership representatives to provide information relative to communication and implementation of zone initiatives/strategies to local PTA units and the community.

13. Appoint PTA representatives to an ad hoc committee to serve as a full partner in the development of a local Wellness Policy as required by the Child Nutrition and Reauthorization Act.

ARTICLE III

PTA Council will:

1. Sponsor the breakfast segment of the CCSD Leadership Symposium.

2. Conduct an interview with the principal of each aforementioned facility prior to and after use of the facility.

3. Abide by the rules and regulations contained in the Community Use of System Facilities Policy (KG), including custodial and supervisory fees when applicable.

4. Continue to maintain a website linked to the Cherokee County School System homepage.

5. Cooperatively develop a Legislative Program, offer parent training classes and apply for grants with the Cherokee County School System.

6. Provide a bi-monthly report at the Cherokee County Board of Education meeting.

7. Provide scholarship opportunities for Cherokee County students.

8. Provide a leadership representative for each School District Innovation Zone in order to assist with communication and implementation of Zone initiatives/strategies to local PTA units and the community.

9. Support supplemental educational programs which meet certain established criteria and support the joint goals of the Cherokee County Board of Education and the Cherokee County Council of PTA as outlined herein and is approved by the Office of Educational Programs, Student Support and Professional Development.

10. Work with School District staff as it strives to establish standard policies and practices in the ESOL program, especially at the middle and high school levels, by providing support for learning tools. In conjunction with community-based organizations and School District representatives, explore development of a “Welcome Packet” of applicable information to all incoming ESOL students. Also, PTA will work to establish ongoing communication with the School District parent facilitators in Title I schools.

11. In conjunction with the Office of Educational Programs, Student Support and Professional Development, establish models for academically rigorous experiences for students during the summer (suggested software, books and DVDs).

12. Continue to refine and utilize programs that would increase the scope and number of volunteers at each school through the implementation of the Family Engagement standards of our National PTA.

13. In conjunction with School District staff, communicate with parents relative to strategies, activities and programs for improving attendance and decreasing truancy. PTA will consider appointing a representative to serve as an active participant on the Cherokee County Truancy Panel.

14. Serve as a full partner in the development of a local Wellness Policy as required by the Child Nutrition and Reauthorization Act.

15. Accept all children/interested participants for participation within its programs without regard to their gender, race, political affiliation, age, national origin or handicapping condition or any other discrimination recognized and prohibited by State or Federal Law. Children/participants with handicaps must be provided all necessary levels of supervision and must be included within the activities of the partnering organization. As a result of this partnership agreement, PTA must adhere to all local, State or Federal laws regarding education.

16. Continue to support Safety Town, an annual program during which comprehensive safety messages are taught by safety professionals to kindergarten age children.

17. The PTA Council Executive Board will consider approval of a resolution in support of future ~~the 2016~~ Education SPLOST renewal referenda~~um~~ and associated bonds. The PTA Council will provide information to all PTA units and members about the importance to the community at-large of the successful passage of the Education SPLOST referenda renewal, including the Executive Board's resolution of support.

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CHEROKEE COUNTY COUNCIL PTA

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Lori Burton, Cherokee County Council of PTA, Co-President

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Catherine Shook, Cherokee County Council of PTA, Co-President

THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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By: Kyla Cromer, Chairman

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By: Dr. Brian V. Hightower
Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to form:

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Tom Roach, Esquire