



**AGENDA**  
**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**HICKORY FLAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**AUGUST 26, 2024**

1. Call to Order
2. Report of the Principal
  - a. New Council Members
    - i. McKenney Spence – faculty representative
    - ii. Britt Kirk – parent representative
    - iii. Mike Silverman - parent representative
  - b. School Advisory Council Training
  - c. Assigning Roles
    - i. Britt Kirk – Chairperson
    - ii. Jessica Chapman – Vice Chairperson
    - iii. Tiffany Watson – Secretary
  - d. Leadership Qualities of a Principal
    - i. Developing goals related to:
      1. Instructional Leadership (Shared Vision of Teaching and Learning): Focusing on school-improvement goals related to math, ELA, and attendance, based on county expectations.
      2. School Climate (Environment Where All Stakeholders Thrive): To promote school safety, there has been a county-wide expectation for classroom doors to remain closed & locked at all times; no door props will be used on outside doors.
    - ii. Human Resources Management (Develops and Retains Quality Personnel): Great feedback from Meet & Greet!
3. CCSD Key Priorities
  - a. Elevate the Excellence in academics and achievement for all students.
    - i. Moving to standards-based instruction, rather than set curriculum plans.
  - b. Elevate the Excellence in effective School Board-Superintendent Governance.
  - c. Elevate the Excellence in the district's coordination and alignment of goals, systems, and processes.
  - d. Elevate the Excellence by embracing a pervasive high-quality school environment defined by high standards, effective supports, and consistent practices.
4. Milestone Score Update from 2024
  - a. Reading scores were within the top 5 performance for the county in grades 3, 4, and 5.
  - b. County reading scores were within the top 6 performance for the state in grades 3, 4, and 5.
  - c. Focus on developing differentiation within small groups within each classroom to best meet the needs of each individual learning.
5. PTA Update – Lisa Duckett
  - a. Meet & Greet

- i. Spirit Wear Table: sold 547 items
    - ii. Online store will be open after the fun run.
  - b. Hosted a teacher luncheon from Susto's for preplanning.
  - c. Caffeinate & Educate was very successful with LOT of creamer & fun syrups.
  - d. PTA Memberships: 442
    - i. Qualified and applied for Visionary and Pacesetter awards
    - ii. 100% staff membership, applied for Oak Tree Award
  - e. Kindness Rock is open to the community.
  - f. Fun Run kicks off 8/27! Funds will go to playground development: gaga ball and 4 square concrete pad.
  - g. Clinic & Counselor Drive are coming up!
- 6. Foundation Update – Katie O'Brien
  - a. Spirit wear sales at the CYFA Jamboree were a success.
  - b. Store will reopen temporarily after Labor Day.
- 7. New Business
  - a. Critical Thinking Special: This was developed out of a passion to help our students become strong problem-solvers. The goal is for them to encounter and overcome productive struggle.
    - i. Technology is used in homeroom classrooms and across specials.
    - ii. Grades 3-5 have 1:1 technology.
    - iii. Science Lab and Critical Thinking will focus on collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity.
  - b. School Improvement Goals: cycling to year 0
    - i. New goals will be developed based on universal screeners and Milestone results.
    - ii. Met our science goal! Growth of +10% of students scoring a level 3 or 4 on Milestones was seen from 2023 to 2024!
- 8. Upcoming Events
  - a. Fun Run begins 8/27!
  - b. No school 9/2
- 9. Next Council Meeting – October 28, 2024
- 10. Adjournment

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