



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Ball Ground STEM Academy School Council 9/12/2024

MEETING CALLED BY	Melinda Roulier
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Melinda Roulier
NOTE TAKER	Hollee Pope
MEMBERS PRESENT	Melinda Roulier, Beth Bentley, Jennifer Goodwin, Austin Herrin, Hollee Pope, William Walker
GUESTS PRESENT	Lauren Roach, Annette Homiller, Rodney Larotta, LaToya Gray

Agenda Items

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:48
Report of the Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Larotta, Assistant Superintendent for the Cherokee and Creekview Zones, welcomed attendees and shared updates from the district. Shared the new organizational support system of the School Leadership and Operations department including an Assistant Superintendent and Director assigned to only two zones instead of the entire HS/MS or ES for the district. Shared the district's safety and security processes including our 3-Pillar approach in addition to additional responses due to the recent tragedy at Apalachee HS. • Mrs. Roulier introduced attendees and welcomed our new members, Mr. Herrin, Mrs. Bentley, and Mr. Walker. • Completed School Advisory Council Training. • Reviewed and adopted Leadership Qualities of the Principal with a motion to accept by Mrs. Bentley and a second from Mr. Walker. • Shared the Superintendents Key Priorities and directed members to CCSD's website for more detailed information. • Reviewed the Critical Overcrowding Annual Report. Ball Ground remains below max capacity at 58%. Our current enrollment numbers are 634 K-5 with 20 in Pre-K for a total of 654 students...this is a 47 student increase from May of last year. Addressed questions regarding our status as an "Open" school and a "School of Choice" due to our STEM status. We currently have 57 students on reassignment for School Choice, STEM, or Hardship. We have an additional 21 students who are served in our self-contained classrooms whose home school is not Ball Ground.
Additional Topics of Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the new Visitor Table in the cafeteria and the reasoning behind that decision. Ultimately the decision was made for the safety and well-being of all students. • Discussed Hot Dogs & How To's Curriculum Night event. Mr. Herrin and Mrs. Bentley both shared that they liked the format where they got to hear from their child how they are doing and enjoy time to talk with other families while enjoying the hot dog dinner provided by our partners. Also shared that we budgeted to be



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	<p>able to provide teachers with subs in the spring to complete Student-Led Conferences since there is not a Remote Learning Day in the calendar this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed the Fall PTA Fundraiser-The Superhero Dash and plans to use some of those funds to support technology needs. Shared that students need more opportunities to learn typing skills in order to be prepared for the future and Milestones. We have a plan to use some time during extra specials day on Fridays in Art, Music, and STEM Lab for students to practice typing/writing skills, but need additional laptops to implement this plan.
Upcoming Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall Break – September 16th-20th• Author, David Biedryzcki, visits BGSA – September 27th• PTA Fall Fundraiser-Superhero Dash Fun Run – September 30th-October 9th• End of 1st Quarter – October 10th• Report Cards going home – October 17th• Quarter 1 Tribe Assembly – October 18th• Trunk or Treat – October 24th• CCSD Special Olympics Awareness Day – October 25th• Fall Book Fair – October 24th-31st• Red Ribbon Week – October 25th – 31st

Closing Items

MEETING ADJOURNED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:11PM
NEXT MEETING DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11/7/2024