

Etowah High School

School Council Meeting

November, 13, 2024

1. The meeting Began at 4:02.
2. Guest Speaker: Detective Farmer, an EHS school resource officer (SRO). His office is at Etowah East.
  - He handles serious crimes that happen on campus.
  - He can hear incidents happening on both sides of Etowah and at ET Booth, he is ready to respond where needed.
  - He is here to enforce state law, not necessarily school discipline issues.
  - The goals of SROs are preparation, prevention, and response.
  - Throughout the year the SROs have training in defensive tactics including jujitsu
  - Throughout a normal school day, the SROs do safety walks around the school, checking that teachers' doors are closed and locked. They also look at cameras and drive around campus.
3. Literacy Initiative at Etowah High School
  - a. Our goal is to have 90% of all students to have a Lexile Score at or above 1150.
  - b. Right now, the only way we can get Lexile is through the 11<sup>th</sup> grade American Lit EOC.
  - c. The county is hoping to invest in a new screener for high school soon.
  - d. Melissa Grier, the school's Instructional Lead Teacher (ILS) showed the council an example of the literacy "quizzes" the students take in each subject each month. All the current articles the students are in the 900-1100 Lexile level, and we are hoping to up that next semester.
  - e. Another literacy strategy teachers and students are working on is annotating text. This includes marking up passages for parts the student does not understand or important information.
4. EHS was one of 1,436 schools given the College Success Reward from Great Schools.
5. At the last meeting, the council talked about ways to up the school's social media presence. Mr. Horn believes we are making great strides for that. He is considering changing the current journalism class into a social media-based class for the next school year.
6. All high school principals have agreed that they are "not folding" on the last work policy. Students need to step up and get worked turned in ON TIME.
  - a. This policy could affect graduation rate and even athletic eligibility for Spring semester
    - i. Students must pass 5/6 classes to be eligible.
7. Cell Phone policy is still in effect. It works well in the classroom if teachers are enforcing the rule.
8. Fall Semester Exams
  - a. Tuesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
  - b. All Finals should be cumulative (information from the entire semester)
  - c. NO early exams will be given.
9. Flight Club: off to a great year
  - a. The students are doing many service projects including giving books to elementary schools and reading to different classrooms.
  - b. The student in Flight Club have divided themselves into 2 groups.
    - i. Campus Cleanliness
    - ii. Student Involvement

10. The East Wing – lead by Mrs. Barton
  - a. Wants to expand to main campus.
  - b. Hopefully students can be on main campus Monday and Friday to mainly help with Math and Science
11. Academic Letter and Lamp of Knowledge Ceremony
  - a. Went well – quick and efficient.
  - b. Used new stage and both set of bleachers.
12. Special Olympics was October 25<sup>th</sup>. Many community groups were involved.
13. SAT/PSAT
  - a. Hopefully school will be able to offer the SAT on Saturdays next year
  - b. ACT is still on Saturdays unless they go digital
14. Digital Day was hard on teachers because of making time to vote and helping their own children with DLD assignments. But was helpful to student in that they could catch up on many assignments.
15. Support Staff of the Year: Officer Conrad – CONGRATULATIONS!!
16. Teacher of the Year will be announced at the November 20<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting
17. November 20<sup>th</sup> will also be a severe weather drill. Teachers will tell every class where to go and what to do in case of an emergency. This should also be posted in the classrooms
18. Shop with an Eagle will be Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8-1
19. Veterans' Day – students wrote 540 letters to send to active military. They will be received before Christmas
20. 14 EHS students moved on to the state level of the Governors Honors Program – the most Etowah has had in a while. Congratulations to those students
21. Facilities
  - a. Josh Malcolm, the executive director of capital planning and facilities visited EHS and had a tour with Mr. Horn. He was here for an hour and is planning to revisit
  - b. We are hoping to be the next new building in the county
    - i. Current auditorium is too small
    - ii. Old buildings
    - iii. Students walking outside
    - iv. Many points of entry
22. At the December 10<sup>th</sup> home basketball game, the State Champion baseball team will be awarded their state rings
23. The swim team has already qualified 7 swimmers for State – looking forward to a great season