

School Council Meeting 1/29/2025

Members present:

Todd Miller, Autumn Hamilton, David Harrison, Scott Steinbrenner, Anna Kozloff, Kirsten Rush, Nicole Balejesik, Claudia Kennison, Stephanie Portman, Christy Peacock

Staffing updates

- Several teachers out on FMLA due to health reasons; having to utilize long-term subs and moving teachers around to serve student needs

Registration Timeline –updates with Ms. Pamela Costa, Curriculum AP

- May need to make adjustments to timeline as needed
- Core teachers are making recommendations for students this week. All movement to higher level courses must be made this week.
- Students received transcript, elective document, and PSAT scores, if applicable, this past Monday in homeroom
- Students will meet with counselors next week to finalize electives.
- Course requests document will come out in March to students and parents to review and finalize by beginning of May. Please make sure parents are checking emails, Parent Square, and the Ridge in Review communications.
 - Once this deadline has past, no course level changes will be allowed.
 - Schedules are built based on student requests, teacher allotments, so we cannot make changes once that has been determined. There is not always room to move.
- ELA changes—EOC moves to 10th grade next year. Current 10th graders will not take an ELA EOC.
- AP Bio will now be offered 10th grade and beyond.
- SAT school day opportunity 10th-12th March 28. Look for communication in Ridge in Review and ParentSquare.

School Board Governance Board Policy Update (BAB)

- Outlines our core beliefs, teaching and learning standards, instructional resources, monitor student learning as well as accountability and support.
- School Board is involved in setting goals for our district. Then, schools developed School Improvement Plans (SIP) plans to align with these goals.

Funding

- Discussion of funding comparison: state vs. local
 - State has fully funded us through QBE, but the QBE amount has not been updated since 1988. Difference is made up through local funds (property taxes)
 - Inflation rate vs growth leaving CCSD with \$50 million deficit over the next three years
 - One time opt out option
 - Permanent reduction of budget of \$50 million over the next three years
 - Replace through millage rate increase
 - Over the past several years, CCSD has been good financial stewards. Paying off bonds early, reducing millage rates.
 - School Board must choose one of these options.
 - Opt-out public hearings in February
 - **February 5, 2025**
 - 11:30 am Public Hearing #1 to opt out of floating homestead exemption
 - **February 13, 2025**
 - 11:30 am Public Hearing #2 to opt out of floating homestead exemption
 - 6:30 pm Public Hearing #3 to opt out of floating homestead exemption

Board Updates

- Kyla Cromer, chair, has retired and Janet Read is new chair.
- John Harmon has resigned and his spot is open for appointment by Board.

RRHS Updates

- JROTC outstanding rating at latest inspection; National Champions
- Final exams—pay attention to our school calendar. Vacations should not be planned during this time. Students make up finals when they return in January, which does not set up students for success as they are taking multiple/all exams one day.
- The Georgia Department of Public Health requires a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4) for all 11th graders on their 16th birthday.
- Recognized by the State for Literacy and Math Progress Achievement—one of only two high schools in CCSD

- Increased our progress in Math achievement by 17 points. Way to go, Algebra 1 teachers!!
- Two students Chamber of Commerce
- CTAE working on mock interviews
- AP Scholar Distinction –64 students; AP Scholar with honors - 58 students; AP Scholars- 74 students
- National Merit Scholarship—two students commended
- Star Student—Kevin Duncan highest SAT score—Ms. Yoder as his START teacher
- Healthcare program going through State Certification
- BETA Fall Induction
- VFW 1st place Writing Contest
- Georgia Marketing Education Association—Katie Thompson nominated for new teacher of the year
- Key Scholars approx. 50 students
 - These top students were recognized, through the 19th Annual Superintendent's Key Scholar Recognition Ceremony, for scores achieved on the PSAT that rank them in the top 10% nationwide.
- Construction has begun on auxiliary gym and will continue throughout next school year.