



Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy

School Council Minutes



DATE: 2-0-2025

MEETING TIME: 7:30am – 8:30am

MEETING LOCATION: Akers' Office

MEETING CALLED BY	Cindy Crews, Interim Principal
TYPE OF MEETING	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Cindy Crews, Interim Principal
NOTE TAKER	Maria Benitez
BOARD ATTENDEES	Jill McNally, Abby Hernandez, Meagan Creamer(Phone), Lyzette Scott, Maria Benitez, Ali Pearigen
INVITED GUEST ATTENDEES	

Topic: Introduction

Time Allotted: 5 minutes

Presenter: Cindy Crews

Discussion: Retired in 2019 Will be working Part-time with Kathleen Chandler this year.

Conclusions: Cindy Crews introduced herself

Action Items: none	Person Responsible: none	Deadline: none
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Topic: Lift Video

Time Allotted: 15 minutes

Presenter: Cindy Crews

Mrs. Crews played the Lift Video. The Superintendent of CCSD reviewed January's School Board meeting. Lift videos are done every month after a Board meeting.

Conclusions: Overview of the meeting

Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None
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Topic: School District's Key Priorities

Time Allotted: 30 minutes

Presenter: Cindy Crews

Mrs. Crews review the 2024-2026 Key Priorities and Action Steps

- Elevate the Excellence in academics and achievement in all students. - Clarify an aligned academic focus grounded in standards. Tightly align resources. - Tighter selection of materials - Unify the current literacy investments into a cohesive K-12 Literacy model. - Improve communication of student learning to parents. - Elevate the Excellence in effective School Board-Superintendent Governance. - Develop a cohesive, high performing School Board Governance Model. - Structure school board meetings to promote meaningful discussion and public transparency around the business of the board. - Elevate the Excellence in the District’s coordination and alignment of goals, systems, and processes. - Develop an Accountability and Performance team. - Elevate the impact of financial investments to overcome future revenue strain. - Elevate the Excellence by embracing a pervasive high-quality school environment defined by high standards, effective support, and consistent practices. - Explore strategies to elevate student course/ grade achievement, skills, and student motivation in Middle school. - Develop each student’s capacity to reach his or her own academic potential. - Review furniture and equipment conditions.		
Conclusions: Gave the council members a better understanding of the Key Priorities and Action Steps.		
Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

Topic: CCSD Budget Development Process

Time Allotted: 15

Presenter: Cindy Crews

- The FY2026 Budget cycle begins November 2024 and concludes in April 2025. - Senior Exemption took effect in January 2025. \$14million decrease in revenue for CCSD next year. - Homestead Exception – If CCSD doesn’t opt out, means another \$7.8 million decrease. - Budget Development Process - School Board – Members identify their priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. - Staff- District leaders review current expenditures to ensure investments are as close to students as possible. - Revenue Projections – Staff work with county to determine an estimate of local property tax revenue, while the state revenue is determined by the Governor and State Legislature each Spring.
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4. Balancing – The Superintendent incorporates this information and works closely with the Chief Financial Officer to present the School Board a recommended budget. 5. Board review – The proposed budget is posted on District’s website and presented to School Board in March. 6. Public Review- School Board holds three public hearings 7. Adaption – Budget is adopted in April. Effective July 1.		
Conclusions: A better understanding of the Budget Process.		
Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

Topic: Upcoming Events

Time Allotted: 5 minutes

Presenter: Cindy Crews.

Discussed the Upcoming events.		
Conclusions:		
Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

ADJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Lyzette motioned and Ali Pearigen second
TIME	8:19