



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, Amanda Etris, Austin Herrin, Hollee Pope, William Walker
GUESTS PRESENT	Lauren Roach, Karen Jordan

Agenda Items

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	2:52
Report of the Principal	- Fall Fundraiser Update – PTA's Fall Fun Run, The Superhero Dash, raised \$30,000. We like working with Activate because they make the entire process simple, kids aren't trying to sell things people don't really need, and they give 100% of funds raised to PTA. We discussed plans to purchase some new computers and paint the cool down room to make it a more calming space for students. Unless we have the need for a large amount of money for large ticket items like playground replacement or digital marquee, we may consider only doing the big fundraiser every other year. - SIP Updates with Review of Milestones Data – Shared the draft SIP Executive Summary for ELA that will be reviewed at the November Board Meeting for approval. We discussed our 6% goal to increase Reading Proficiency (students reading at or above grade level) and ELA Content Mastery (students performing at proficiency or above). Discussed our action steps designed to support our growth toward meeting these goals. - Ball Ground Core Beliefs – Shared recent work we started as a staff to establish core beliefs around students, staff, instruction, and the community. This work is being supported by district personnel and will help us continue to build a strong foundation as we continue to grow and adapt to our changing community.
Additional Topics of Discussion	Mrs. Bentley shared that she felt like parents have adjusted well to the new visitor table policy. A question was asked whether this has cut down on the number of lunch visitors we have each day. While we haven't collected actual data, it does not appear to have decreased the number of visitors we have since implementing the new procedure this year. Mrs. Roulier shared that the front office still gets very busy every day with lunch visitors, tardies, early checkouts, and transportation changes. This led to a discussion about our attendance. Even though we have seen an improvement in our overall attendance rate, we continue to have issues with chronic absenteeism with a small percentage of students as well as an issue with a large number of tardies and checkouts each day, especially on Fridays. Lost instruction time negatively impacts our ability to achieve our



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	goals for student achievement. • Mr. Herrin asked for more information about how teachers select online resources. We discussed the district's content filters that ensure inappropriate content is not accessible to students. Mrs. Roulier also shared that our district is currently performing a resource audit where all instructional resources that teachers have available are being reviewed for usage, effectiveness, and alignment with CCSD's Key Priorities.
Upcoming Dates	• 11/18 - Las Palmas Spirit Night (see flyer) • 11/21 - Canyon's Spirit Night (see flyer) • 11/22 - Smencil's for sale in Atrium during arrival • 11/25 - 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break • 12/5 - BGSA Spelling Bee • 12/10-12/13 - Santa Shop • 12/12 - STEM with Santa - 6-7PM • 12/13 - High 5 Friday • 12/13 - 3rd Grade Class Parties • 12/16 - 4th Grade Class Parties • 12/17 - 2nd Grade Class Parties • 12/18 - 1st Grade Class Parties • 12/19 - KK & 5th Grade Class Parties • 12/20 - Last Day of Q2 • 12/23-1/5 - Christmas Break • 1/6 - Remote Learning Day for students • 1/9 - Report Cards Go Home • 1/10 - High 5 Friday & Q2 TRIBE Assembly • 1/16 - 1/19 - Drama Performances of Finding Nemo • 1/24 - Mother/Son Event

Closing Items

MEETING ADJOURNED	• 3:34 PM
NEXT MEETING DATE	• 2/6/2025