

AGENDA FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Carmel School Council February 11, 2025

1. Call to Order

Welcome! The call to order started at 7:38 AM

Attendees: Lisa Rich, Christy Talmage, Kelsey Sandavol, Maggie Layfield, J. Ziemecki, Amy Day

Maggie Layfield will be chair.

2. Upcoming dates and Changes

a. Popcorn and Progress 2/26/25

The event is structured to help parents support their child at home with writing. Writing was selected for the event due to Milestones scores and School Improvement Goal related to Writing. The writing support will be in addition to the data notebooks in which the students will speak to their learning.

Teachers will give parents strategies to support unique learners and will include all subgroups.

b. Read Across America Week 3/3/25 – 3/7/25

Cherokee county schools will promote Read Across America Week- CCSD-Lights, Camera, Read!

Information will come out to parents by the end of the week 2/14/25.

c. Level Up to the Next Grade Level 3/27/25 – NEW EVENT

Next Title Night Event-students and parents will visit grade levels and get resources to support learning over the summer to help prevent the summer slide.

d. Milestones

i. 3rd Grade April 21 – April 25

ii. 4th Grade April 28 – May 2

iii. 5th Grade May 5 – May 9

e. Transportation Sheets for all grade levels

Every grade level has a transportation sheet that is scaffolded to the grade and the level of support.

f. Transportation Change must be communicated by 12:45 pm to the front office

This will help ensure the safety of all students and to give ample time for changes to be communicated to teachers.

3. Elevating the Excellence at Carmel: Instructional Updates

2024-2026 Key Priorities and Action Steps

-Key priorities

- “The Lift” recap video of Board Meeting involving School Board-Superintendent Governance available after each Board Meeting.

- Ranchers Round Ups at Carmel-

Monthly meeting for teachers to continue professional development to continue growing and to learn about researched strategies. Strategies are delivered at the Rancher’s Roundup and based on research and are intentionally selected to promote student engagement and quality work for students.

- Mid Year Data Update –

School has been given access from the county to a system that analyzes data to indicate Milestone results. The leadership team has analyzed the mid-year data from Winter Diagnostics. There has been substantial growth among all grade levels and subgroups.

-Building School Wide Plan for 2025-2026 SY-Committee has started drafting the CNA and SWP for the upcoming school year.

4. Senior Exemption and Homestead Exemption (House Bill 581)

[Budget Development FY2026 - Cherokee County School District](#)

5. Playground Update and Outdoor Classroom

- Two quotes should be coming in by the end of the month to replace one or not both back playgrounds
- Hoping we can get everything submitted by May

Carmel is moving forward and waiting for quotes from vendors. Working closely with PTA, vendors, and county to decide if Carmel is replacing one or two playgrounds. The goal is for this to be completed near the beginning of 25-26 school year.

6. Questions/Comments

Ms. Sandavol asked about Dyslexia screener-was explained that the weaknesses will be addressed through small group instruction, MTSS plans, or IEPs.

Ms. Layfield asked about Young Author’s Fair-grade level winners will be celebrated tomorrow during the morning news and move forward to the district level.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:14.