



Cherokee County School District School Council Meeting Agenda

Etowah High School

9/10/2025 | Face to Face Meeting| 3:00pm

Board members Robert Horn, Principal

- Melissa Bryant, Board Member
- Melissa Blick, Board Member
- Staci Josef, Board Member
- Hetal Pandya, Board Member
- Meghan McPhaul, Faculty Member
- John Murnan, Faculty Member

3:00 pm	Call to Order	Robert Horn
	• Introductions	
3:05 pm	1. Agenda Review	All Members
3:08 pm	2. Approval of Minutes (Action Item) No Minutes approved, 1 st meeting of the year.	
3:10 pm	3. Agenda Items (Action Items highlighted in red) a. School News	Robert Horn
	• Solid start to the school year. 2nd year of Synergy there were fewer problems. • Why is there shuffling of students in classes? Load balancing of students as a result of: • New enrollees • Changes in level that occur after the start of the year. • Trying to keep classes from being too large. • Buses have been good, worked out a few issues the first few days. • More students riding e-bikes, no problems with travel to/from school. Some trying to use to travel between classes. • School systems are in good shape generally speaking. • Put in a walkway on the island in the East parking lot (north side, former bus loop). Students are using it. Teachers report less dirt coming into classrooms. • New curtains are up in the auditorium and working well. • Review of School Improvement Plan (SIP) • On the school website • School Board now sets SIP goals: ELA, Math, Attendance were chosen for the goals. • ELA has a new assessment- this year will be a baseline year. • Attendance goals- moving from 94% to 97% attendance • Introduction of Admin staff- Renney, Baggett, Bradley, Brown, Ashley, Pinckard • New for HS this year- STAR screener for math and reading. First administration has already happened. • #1 in the county for the rating from US News & World Report for high schools • Former East Wing tutoring program is rebranded as "The Nest." Relocated to a room next to the Media Center. Media Specialists Lester and Funderburk are managing it. • So far: Trained 120+ kids; Tutored 40+ students last week • Safety meeting every day- Usually SRO's and Principal for daily.	Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn
	b. Extracurricular/Athletics	
	Fall sports are in full swing and teams are performing well (Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Softball)	



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- c. Upcoming Events
- Curriculum night is tonight (9/10). Revamping the structure to better serve the parents. Created a video hitting key points about pathways, testing, etc...
- Senior Graduation meeting was 9/9.
 - Already have about 20% of students who have ordered cap/gown.
- Code Red drill
 - We did one in August. State mandates one be done in September.

3:50 pm	4. Old Business	Robert Horn
3:52 pm	5. Future Agenda Items	Robert Horn
3:57 pm	6. Public Comment • Graduation day/time still not publicly released. Mr. Horn will find out when it can be released. • New ELA curriculum- are there concerns about initial performance with the new standards?	Robert Horn
4:00 pm	7. Adjournment/Time/Next Meeting Date	Robert Horn



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No approval of minutes

Training

Selection of President, Secretary, Vice President

Review of School Council Guidelines/ Principal qualities

Review of leadership qualities of a principal

Accepted in toto with no suggested changes.

Agenda items

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Be Pro Be Proud trailer is on campus. Focus is on kids who are not college-bound but are interested in trade or technical careers.

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Teacher of the year nominations process has been moved to earlier in the year.

Support staff of the year voting is almost completed.

Extracurricular Activities



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