



Cherokee County School District
School Council Meeting
Agenda

October 16th, 2025

Clark Creek STEM Academy

2025-2026 | Virtual-Teams | 8:00-9:00 | October 16, 2025

Board members: Principal: Mrs. Joey Moss | Chair: | Secretary: Kirsten Hargadon
Present/Not Present

• Joey Moss	P
• Kirsten Hargadon	P
• Myron McCullough	P
• Deb Wisniewski	P
• Sara Fox	NP
• Dyani Tutt	P
• Dr. Keith Ingram	P
• Kendra Mull	P
• Paula Guerra	P
• Jackie Pelfrey	NP
• Leah Johnson	P
• Rebecca Coleman	P

1. Introduction, Guests

- Tell us about yourself and your family/student

Mrs. Moss

The committee members took turns introducing themselves, some for the first time, and were thanked for their participation in the school council and for partnering to foster a spirit of cooperation.

2. School Council and Roles

- Review CCSD 's School Council presentation
- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary

Mrs. Moss

Mrs. Moss presented the detailed PowerPoint, informed by the Georgia Council Guide. She discussed the Garden of the Season winner. She defined the purpose of the School Council as bringing communities together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult educational problems. She talked about the Code of Ethics for teachers, administration, and school council members. She covered the roles and responsibilities of each of the members. She discussed the school improvement plan and budget. Then she went over the election process for school council members. Clarified the principal's roles with SIP and asked for a chair member's assistance in electing a chairperson. Requested volunteers for the chair or vice chair positions. Myron McCullough expressed interest and was elected as vice chair, and Kendra Mull was elected as the chair for the 2025-26 school year. The council meets four times a year. Ms. Moss showed where the posted minutes can be found on the CCES website. She emphasized the importance of confidentiality.

3. Leadership Qualities of a Principal

- Will review feedback with CCES administration team:

Mrs. Moss

Documents were sent prior to the meeting regarding the discussion on key leadership qualities. Mrs. Moss asked for feedback and explained the process for submitting any changes.

4. Literacy Initiative

- HB 538 Georgia's Literacy Act
- Focus on improving the quality of early learning & literacy instruction
- Literacy and Dyslexia

Dr. Hargadon



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- CCSD's response

Dr. Hargadon explained the new legislation of HB 538 and its aim to create a more robust support system for early literacy and dyslexia awareness.

5. School Improvement Plan

Mrs. Rocker

Mrs. Rocker presented her PowerPoint on the School Improvement Plan and the policy BAB (CCSD Governance Policy). She reviewed our goals in Reading and ELA, which were to increase by 6% in 3-5. She pointed out that for third grade and fifth grade, we are showing positive trends toward achieving these targets. The action steps were outlined, highlighting how teachers are receiving training on our new curriculum and differentiated instruction. We discussed math proficiency and emphasized the success in third and fifth grades. We are aiming to reach 60% proficiency in fourth-grade math. Our focus is on using manipulatives, teaching modeling, and setting goals. She concluded with our attendance goal and plans for attendance panels to help parents get students to school by increasing school support. She announced that we now have monthly attendance-winning classrooms, and this month, seven classrooms were recognized for high attendance, with banners on their classroom doors. Mrs. Moss reminded the team to review the data with apples-to-apples comparisons rather than comparing one group of students to another, keeping a historical perspective in mind.

6. Pop-Tarts and Progress

Mrs. Blakes

Mrs. Blakes congratulated her team of teachers who helped make this event a huge success. We had 220 people attend this community outreach evening event, which allowed students to show their parents or guardians the progress they have made this year. All participants who pre-registered for the event received take-home activities and a new book to foster at-home learning based on grade-level standards. Mrs. Gulin was praised as our Parent Facilitator in charge of creating these resources.

7. School Council Dates

Mrs. Moss

- 8:00-9:00 Teams Meeting

8. PTA Information

PTA

Mrs. Moss thanked the PTA for Grandparents' Night and introduced Mrs. Tutt. Mrs. Tutt reminded us of the need for volunteers. For Trunk or Treat, we need candy donations. She mentioned Bus Drivers' Appreciation Day and teacher luncheons, expressing her desire to work alongside community members to create even richer events. Mr. Moss discussed communication with Hawk Talk and is planning a Wednesday PTA blast. "Boo," your child or their class fundraiser details will be coming soon on this PTA Wednesday Blast.