



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Hickory Flat Elementary
School Council
07/27/2025

MEETING CALLED BY	Kerry Estep
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Kerry Estep
NOTE TAKER	McKenney Spence
MEMBERS PRESENT	Sabrina Osceola, Michael Silverman, Tim Chapman, Autumn Stephenson, Erin Ruszkowski, McKenzie Spence, Marissa Williams, Abbi Odom, Luke Lafountain, Jenna Archevald

Agenda Items

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	• Kerry Estep called to order @ 3:00 pm • Members present Sabrina Osceola, Michael Silverman, Tim Chapman, Autumn Stephenson, Erin Ruszkowski, McKenzie Spence, Marissa Williams, Abbi Odom, Luke Lafountain, Archevald
Report of the Principal	Safety Team Updates ▪ Daily huddles with admin, counselors, nurse, custodians, ILS ▪ Shut and Secure- all doors closed and locked ▪ Data Review ▪ New Cameras- new cameras, clear, easy to see and use, can be tapped into by the Sheriff's office; if a staff member pushes button (8 times) on Centegix badge Sheriff's office automatically is sent the 6 closes camera streams to where badge was activated ▪ Needs Assessment Data ▪ Trusted Adult- making sure that students have a sense of belonging at school ▪ 1st – 92% ▪ 2nd – 98% ▪ 3rd-5th – 94% (433 students) Principal Led Data Talks -Worked with 4th and 5th grade students; students looked at their scores from iReady, STAR, attendance, and Milestones scores; leads to goal setting and student led conferences



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	-Abbi Odom does this with her first graders looking at iReady, STAR, handwriting, etc. Thanksgiving Lunch - o No parents at Thanksgiving lunch; due to new county guidelines this would take up three days interrupting instructional time; - o Some members are excited about this; PTA heard a lot of backlash from FunRun; suggestions included list things that parents are allowed to attend that aren't limited and additional day of joining students for lunch for that week; share the county guidelines
Instructional Media Committee	• Marissa Williams -480 books added to the collection -112 Story times -85 collaborative lessons -3D printer has been incorporated into lessons -Focused on weeding non-fiction and biography sections to make sure items are relevant -Focus this year: -2nd and 3rd grade focus on chapter books using book talks to get students interested -K and 1st grade focus on informational and non-fiction -Dictionary sets for each of the grade levels to meet new standards -Working on a schedule to launch lunch and learns again this year -56 students are apart of the News Crew -20 students in the book club -21 students applied for Techie T-birds- 20 will submit progress -58 HFES students participated in the Book Fair competition -Book fair was very successful -Goal this year are to help support the standards and continue to promote a love of reading



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	-Saving up to update space • Luke Lafountain really loves the monthly lessons and would like to have them more often; he would also like a suggestion box for students to add to; he would also like audio books; reading challenges for other grades
PTA – Sabrina	• Planning teacher holiday luncheon • Trying to figure out how they can recoup what they didn't make for Fun Run • Pushing spirit wear
Foundation – Erin	• Launching winter spirit wear • Online auction will go live Nov. 3-12. They have received many great items. Big items: carpool King and Queen, seats for Kindergarten and 5th grade events. • Need to raise \$200,000 in 5 years to pay for playground equipment for new playground • Officially signed on with World's Finest Chocolate. Thinking January for a fundraiser. • Plan to start meeting back on campus soon
New Business/Upcoming Events	• N/A

Closing Items

MEETING ADJOURNED	Kerry Estep adjourned the meeting @ 4:15 pm.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Next school year – January 26,2025