SOT Meeting MinutesNovember 19, 2025

Meeting began at 3:02 PM

Welcome and roll call:

Members present: Principal Zeola Braxton, Colleen Lester (Parent Representative), Tamara Beeten (Clark High School Community Outreach Coordinator), Krish Sharma (Student Representative), Janice Kim (Parent Representative), Ganesh Kadem (Parent Representative), Kris Parikh (Parent Representative), Meredith Freeman (Community Representative), Rob West (Clark High School SOT Chair), Luanne Wagner (Clark High School SOT Co-Chair)

Members absent: Hailey Delos Reyes (Student Representative)

Minutes reviewed and approved: Motion made by Meredith Freeman and seconded by Janice Kim

Clark High School Recognition: Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams for winning the State championship. Also, congratulations to the Football Team for making it to the second-round playoffs. Clark is the only public high school to make it this far. Aleah Johnson has signed to play golf for Howard University. At the annual Sun Youth Forum, Dawit Wondie was chosen as room representative by his peers. The play, Animal Farm put on by the Clark High School Theater was a success. There were 256 straight A students for the first quarter.

SOT Information: Principal Zeola Braxton reviewed the required SOT slideshow for training, which covered the purpose, history and function of the SOT.

Staff Vacancies: Two SPTA, one Custodial, two Office Secretaries and two openings in Special Education. Also, a new attendance clerk should be starting in the next two weeks.

Other News and Information:

Waiting on the results of the social emotional survey.

Facility upgrades funded by CCSD include the turf for the baseball field, soccer field and softball field. In addition, grass has been removed and replaced with rocks and sand.

Final walk through is taking place for the new lighting system.

The new cooling tower will be installed soon.

Discussed suggestions for considerations of how to improve the SOT selections for parents.

The annual Holiday concert will be held on December 10th.

Data Update: Currently there are 2,680 students enrolled at Clark High School. This has no impact on the budget. The second allocation of funding from CCSD will be on 12/12/2025.

Absences: Chronic absenteeism is 32.5%. This is a sharp rise in November. Students are starting to get notifications of those in danger of no credit. Consistently there is typically a trend as we move toward winter break. Letters regarding attendance go out to families on the third, sixth and ninth absence.

Testing Information: ACT Mastery Prep is a new program that was purchased to help with prepping students for the ACT.

Communication: Looking at different strategies so that families have easier access to tracking attendance and submitting absence notes. Working on creating social media presence where Clark news and celebrations can be posted. Krish Sharma suggested to text out critical information through Talking Points because more families as well as students are more inclined to read a text rather than an email.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Adjournment: Janice Kim made the motion for adjournment and Meredith Freeman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

The next SOT meeting will be on December 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM