

CES School Governance Team Meeting – November 17, 2025

In attendance: Becky Bryant, Gary Morris, Caroline Womack, Katlyn Stathopulo, Sarah Daniell, Brandi Gainor, Emily Keener. Mrs. Bryant opened the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

- I. Welcome
 - a. Minutes from previous meeting approved
- II. Principal Update
 - a. CCRPI 24-25 results: highest since 2012 at 84.9 (averaged)
 - b. Student survey results: valuable feedback received, especially in the free response fields (a couple mention of bullying that were followed up on, food insecurity, etc.)
 - c. Teacher survey results: still ongoing (closes 11/21). Dramatic improvements in school cleanliness.
 - d. Attendance message feedback
 - i. After three absences, send out a text. After five, meeting.
- III. School Improvement Goals
 - a. Progress Update: PLCs meeting consistently, working on STORM time; CKH: students will take midyear survey (application due mid-January); DOE climate survey (probably after Christmas); STEAM team met recently and will come up with PBL for next semester
 - b. Feedback
 - c. 7 Pillar Promise Signaling – next review Jan. 2026
- IV. Grading
 - a. Shift from Standards-based to Numerical
 - i. Looking to provide more structure for teachers in grading (balance autonomy with guidance/structure).
 - b. Semester/yearlong term length: a lot of elementary schools do yearlong grading (“mastery by May”). Hard to get a snapshot grade in science and social studies due to rotation. Continuing to get feedback from teachers and working with primary school to try to align 3rd to 5th.
 - c. Concept of basement grades: idea that 0-69 is too big a range to (1) give kids a chance to get out of failing range and (2) keep kids and parents encouraged. Fixing the lowest grade for good faith effort at, say, 50 would allow both.
 - d. Retake expectations: giving students more than one opportunity but making sure there’s a reason to allow a retake and action is taken to improve between efforts.
- V. Consolidated Budget Update
 - a. Opportunity for feedback: technology, physical updates (tree stump removal, classroom modifications like dividers, etc.)
- VI. Parent & Family Engagement

- a. Building Capacity
- b. Staff collaboration with families and stakeholders
- c. Upcoming opportunities & events
 - i. Spring Showcase

VII. Open Discussion

- a. Thanksgiving lunch was a big, well-attended event. Discussing a soft RSVP for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Remainder of 2025-26 meetings:

January 12, 2026

February 9, 2026

March 9, 2026

April 20, 2026

May 11, 2026