



Cherokee County School District School Council Meeting Agenda

Etowah High School

1/28/2026 | 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
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3:00 pm	Call to Order	Robert Horn
3:05 pm	Agenda Review	All Members
3:08 pm	Approval of Minutes (Action Item)	
3:10 pm	Agenda Items (Action Items highlighted in red) a. Special Guests b. School News/Extracurricular/Athletics c. Upcoming Events	Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn Robert Horn
3:50 pm	Old Business	Robert Horn
3:52 pm	Future Agenda Items	Robert Horn
3:57 pm	Public Comment	Robert Horn
4:00 pm	Adjournment/Time/Next Meeting Date	Robert Horn



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- Discussion about how CCSD will handle potential student protest.
 - We will be following the district directive on how it will handle it.
 - Quote from that directive “It is important for students and families to understand that any activity or conduct that poses a safety risk to our schools and/or disrupts normal daily operations is prohibited and subject to disciplinary consequences as outlined in the CCSD Code of Conduct.”
- Horn announcing retirement
 - There is a timeline in place.
 - Lot of stuff in the works, there are openings in the district that can affect principal position openings.
 - New principal generally meets with school council.
 - As soon as date is determined Horn will let us know.
- Murnan report on meeting with MED
 - Topics covered
 - Access to money is improved
 - Facilities need to be upgraded to increase safety
 - PLC’s are working better than other schools
 - Need better vertical integration- keeping track of students as they move between the levels.
- School score improved, big jump
 - Because we did better, it might not look as good because the standard will be raised.
- SWAE went well
 - Made some suggestions on how to improve.
- FLIGHT club
 - Visited feeder elementary schools
 - Gave them some books
 - Started a mentorship program at Oak Grove
- STAR student/teacher recognition
 - Coming up, held at Canton Theater
 - Student: Alexander Lu; Teacher: Kristy Wiggins
- New staff member for S. Anderson
 - Katie McGhee
- Exam exemptions
 - District says no, so no.....
- School Safety
 - Tabletop exercise was done in December.
 - Had code red drill last week.
 - Reviewed at faculty meeting today (1/28/26)
- County presentation
 - Get everyone up to speed on what is happening in the county.
- 8th grade elective night
 - Great attendance
- Advanced financial algebra
 - Life skills-
 - Its going really well
- Is there a teaching pathway?
 - We put it out there and we can only allot if we get the numbers.
- Scheduling for next year
 - Students made initial decisions in Jan
 - Now meeting with counselors to decide on schedule.
 - Schedules can still change.
- PLC’s-
 - Have had schools outside the district to meet with our PLC’s and ILS
 - Great experience, we both learned a lot.
- Support Staff
 - Candice Rucker is this year’s winner.
 - District did a good job with it.
 - Improving the recognition for them.
 - Custodians being back as county employees has been very popular.
- Staffing
 - Still in flux, but we should be good with allotments for next year.
- Teacher of the Year
 - Ciarra Malto
 - Well-deserved
- Partner of the year
 - Hotworx
- Volunteer of the year
 - Melissa Bryant
- Prom
 - 3/20 at the ATL Zoo



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- In talks with Truist for next year, very tentative.
- Next meeting 3/11/26
 - Tentative
 - If not- 3/18
- Georgia Climate survey
 - Have to have a high response rate for teachers, students
 - If we don't hit the rate, the we lose points on the CCRPI
 - Will need some parents as well.
 - Pushed out in late February.
- Open questions
 - Cap and gown order/ delivery is when?
 - Orders can also be taken in February
 - Can also do cap only if you have a gown already
 - Cost- base package approximately \$100
 - For rising 9th- we offer native language test
 - Spanish and French only right now
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