

CHEROKEE |2025-2026 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



Date | time 2/11/2026 4:00 PM | Meeting location **Front Office Conference Room, CHS MAIN**

Meeting Called by Andy Hall

Invitees from elected School Council:

Andy Hall, Principal

Parent members:

- Julie Saulinskas
- James Rodgers
- Kristi McGehee
- Carey Lott

Faculty Members:

- Wesley Queen

Other invitees:

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA TOPICS

NEW BUSINESS

New Building Updates:

Walkthroughs of current and new facility

Legacy Item process

Ribbon Cutting/Open House, April 29

Discussion of Safety and Security:

Walkout/protest debrief

GA Climate Survey:

Role in CCRPI

Goals for participation

School Council Members, please be sure you've responded (see Parent Square sent to all parents).

Update on School Council Members:

Ms. Byers is leaving the council, resigning officially at end of February. Since she is in last 90 days of term, per bylaws, she will not be replaced.

UPCOMING

MINUTES: Start at 3:58

Attendees:

Julie Saulinskas

James Rodgers

Kristi Estes

Carey Lott

Andy Hall

Wesley Queen

3:58 pm – Meeting begins

- Review of meeting agenda
- Update on board member Eleanor Byers. She is leaving the school council within the last 90 days of her term and, per the bylaws, will not be replaced. (4:00)
- New CHS building updates (4:02)
 - o Walkthroughs are occurring at current CHS to catalog inventory
 - o Moving plans are developing for items to be boxed and moved, or left behind
 - o Walkthroughs with administration and teacher leadership are beginning to occur at the new CHS campus
 - o Legacy items are currently under review to determine which items are retained and moved to the new CHS campus and which are not. These determinations are made using a rubric that considers the condition of items as well as the feasibility of relocating items.
- Ribbon Cutting/Open House, April 29th (4:13)
- Walkout/Protest Debrief (4:15)
 - o A message was communicated with stakeholders to state explicitly that any disruptions in school that would cause a safety concern would be responded to with consequences as described in the school code of conduct.
 - o On 2/06/2026 around 20 students staged a walkout; students were respectful, but their behavior went beyond what was allowed within the student code of conduct and those students did receive disciplinary consequences.
- Georgia Climate Survey Discussion (4:19)
 - o Georgia teacher survey was sent out prior that is NOT connected to CCRPI.
 - o The school climate survey is connected to CCRPI scoring for our school.
 - o The goal is to have very high engagement in the student, parent, and teacher responsiveness to promote a higher CCRPI score for CHS.
- Teacher of the year election process discussion (4:23)
 - o Recommendation by Mr. Queen to include students in the teacher of the year election process.
 - o Recommendation by Mr. Hall to include an application process for those teachers nominated.
- Idea proposed by Julie Saulinskas to name the new CHS library after David Bottoms, a former CHS student who was the Poet Laureate of the state of Georgia (4:34)

- Facility naming process for the new CHS has already been proposed.
 - David Bottoms is now a recommendation for an honorary engraving at the new CHS campus to recognize him as a CHS alumni.
- Meeting adjourned (4:41)