

## Summary

This School Improvement Team meeting covered several key operational updates and upcoming events. Dr. Stitt announced the separation of PTSA and School Improvement meetings starting January, and reviewed the school's mission focused on creating a safe environment that promotes **career readiness, academic proficiency, and global citizenship** with improvement goals extending to **2027-2028**. Academic departments reported EOC testing preparations, with Biology achieving **49% proficiency** (exceeding the 35.5% target), and active interventions underway for English 2, Math 1, and Math 3. The MTSS team is implementing a **second semester behavior reset** with de-escalation training scheduled for January 20th.

Additional updates included athletics announcements with the **booster club meeting on January 13th**, a new scholarship for senior athletes in partnership with the Jair Alexander Foundation, a brick fundraising campaign for Ravens Row, and **Curriculum Night scheduled for February 17th**. Parents were encouraged to volunteer as proctors for EOC testing running January 14-21.

## Action items

*No action items detected.*

## Decisions

- PTSA meetings will now be conducted separately from School Improvement Team meetings, effective January 2026. [01:04](#)
- The Parent and Family Engagement policy will be **updated to replace PowerSchool references with Infinite Campus** and correct an identified incorrect date. [06:46](#)
- A **de-escalation and preventative measures training** will be held for all staff members on January 20th, 2026, conducted by the Student Discipline and Behavior Support team. [08:20](#)
- A **second semester behavior reset** focusing on school culture, classroom procedures, and expectations will be implemented, with a teacher meeting scheduled for January 23rd, 2026. [08:44](#)
- English 2 EOC testing will begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2026, with an EOC blitz starting January 9 and continuing with support from both school and county master teachers. [10:56](#)

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- All four EOCs (Biology, English 2, Math 1, and Math 3) will be **administered on January 14th** with approximately 623 students participating, including 116 taking multiple EOCs. [21:49](#)
- The athletic department will hire a **men's coach for spring season** and a **women's tennis coach for fall season**. [24:39](#)
- The **first booster club meeting** will be held on **January 13th at 6pm** to accept nominations for president and vice president positions. [24:56](#)
- A **new scholarship for senior athletes** will be created in partnership with the Jair Alexander Foundation, with applications presented to seniors in February and winners announced at the senior awards ceremony. [26:03](#)
- The school will **host the wrestling conference tournament on January 19th**. [26:34](#)
- **Curriculum Night** for the second semester will be held on **February 17th**, with the exact time to be determined but likely 5-6pm. [28:03](#)

## Topics

### School Structure and Improvement Goals

- Dr. Stitt announced that effective January, PTSA meetings are now separate from School Improvement Team meetings. Parents should look for PTSA information on Parent Square. [00:56](#)
- Rocky River's mission is to create a safe school climate where students achieve and teachers are empowered. Their vision focuses on creating an environment embracing **career readiness, academic proficiency, and global citizenship**. [03:31](#)
- The School Improvement Plan is a living document updated daily with school finances listed showing where instructional funds are being used and their intended impact. [03:57](#)
- Dr. Stitt clarified that the School Improvement goals extend beyond the current academic year, with many stretching into **2027 or 2028** to align with the district's strategic plan. [05:03](#)
- The School Improvement Plan is accessible to both team members and the general public through **login credentials** that were shared during the meeting and is also available through the school's website. [04:15](#)

### Academic Performance and EOC Testing

- Dr. Watkins reported that **95% of English 2 students took the benchmark test in December** with a 49% passing rate (students projected to score 3 or higher), which exceeded the district's goal. [10:18](#)

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- The EOC review began Monday with **official EOC blitz starting tomorrow**. Both the school's master teacher and the county master teacher for Language Arts will be on-site Monday and Tuesday. [10:56](#)
- Ms. Walker reported that honors Math 1 had a 92% benchmark completion rate with **28.6% of students projected to achieve level 3 or higher** (grade level proficiency) compared to the district average of 33%. [12:25](#)
- The fall EOC testing schedule is uniquely front-loaded to give students opportunities to **re-engage and retest**, with the option to use their best score if parents submit the required form. All four EOCs (Biology, English 2, Math 1, Math 3) will be administered on **January 14th**. [21:49](#)
- Biology exceeded expectations with a **49% projected pass rate** against the district goal of 35.5%, representing a dramatic improvement from initial projections of only 7% proficiency. [18:51](#)
- Several EOC **blitz initiatives** are underway across departments with targeted tutoring, small group instruction, and specialized intervention sessions seeing increased student participation due to grade-based incentives. [20:20](#)

### MTSS and Behavior Initiatives

- The MTSS team is currently **focused on behavior and resetting expectations**, with particular attention to addressing tardies and skipping while ensuring consistency in protocols and policies school-wide. [07:39](#)
- A **de-escalation and preventative measures training** for all staff is scheduled for January 20th, to be conducted by the Student Discipline and Behavior Support team from central office. [08:13](#)
- A second semester behavior reset will occur as the school transitions to quarter three, focusing on school culture, classroom procedures, and consistent expectations across all classrooms. [08:44](#)
- Staff are being consistently reminded to be present and visible during transitions to promote safety and prompt student movement. A refresh of the staff duty roster and supervision document is forthcoming. [09:08](#)

### Athletics and Extracurricular Updates

- The school competed in the Iredale Christmas tournament during the break with **four players making the all-tournament team**. The athletic department is actively seeking to hire a men's coach for spring and a women's tennis coach for fall. [24:30](#)
- The **first booster club meeting of 2026** is scheduled for **January 13th at 6pm**, where nominations will be accepted for president and vice president positions. Currently, an interim president is filling two roles that need to be separated. [24:56](#)

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- An **all-sport banquet** is being planned for the **end of May** after all sports seasons are completed. Additionally, the school will host the **wrestling conference tournament on January 19th**. [25:42](#)
- A partnership with the Jair Alexander Foundation is creating a **new scholarship for senior athletes** starting this year. The application will be presented to senior athletes in February with winners announced at the senior awards ceremony. [26:03](#)
- Help is needed for **concessions at five upcoming home basketball games**, with a sign-up system being created to coordinate volunteer assistance for these events. [25:29](#)

## Parent Engagement and Upcoming Events

- The Parent and Family Engagement policy review form had been shared multiple times via email to gather feedback from stakeholders. [05:56](#)
- Ms. Romain thanked those who completed the form and noted that **several respondents pointed out references to PowerSchool** that needed to be updated to Infinite Campus. [06:34](#)
- The school has launched a **brick fundraising campaign** allowing students, parents, alumni, and community partners to purchase personalized bricks that will be displayed on Ravens Row outside the auditorium, creating a lasting commemoration at Rocky River High School. [27:06](#)
- **Curriculum Night** for the second semester is scheduled for **February 17th**, with the time likely to be 5-6pm similar to previous events. More detailed information about this event will be forthcoming. [28:03](#)
- Parents asked how they could support the school beyond ensuring students study, attend school, and get proper rest. The administration identified volunteer opportunities, particularly as **proctors for EOC testing from January 14th through 21st**. [29:03](#)
- Parents interested in volunteering can complete the **CMS volunteer application online**, selecting Rocky River as their school of choice to receive updates about volunteer opportunities. [30:18](#)