School Council Meeting Minutes – 12/09/2025

In attendance: D. Weinbaum, M. Calabrese, J. Tansy, D. Lewis, M. Hyatt, and V. Teska
Absent: A. Prater and T. Carranza

Agenda

Welcome

- Introduction

DRMS CCRPI Data

DRMS School Improvement Plan Data

- Approved by the school board
- Continuing to increase in the areas of ELA and Math
- Summary of ELA action steps including:
  - Improving achievement by choosing high impact strategies in the classroom
  - Deconstruction of standards by teachers in Professional Learning Communities
  - Identify and serve at risk populations meeting the rigor standard and interventions that meet the needs of different students
- Math
  - DRMS has a goal of improvement of scores by 2% in each grade level per year and will utilize the same action steps.
- Literacy – focus on literacy across all subject areas.
- DRMS CCPRI – based on Milestone scores
  - Increase content, readiness, ELA, Math, Science, SS, and EL Progress
  - attendance, literacy, overall progress
  - EL progress – students who are served in ESOL
  - Closing the gaps – looking at subgroups and closing gaps between highest and lowest performing students
  - Attendance dropped a little – new attendance law in place this year
  - Overall Progress – increased over 4.5 points

Week Before the Break

- Exam day on Wednesday 12/17 and Thursday 12/18
  - 8th grade block schedule
  - 7th grade normal schedule with two subjects each day
  - 6th grade normal schedule with Math and SS on Wednesday and Science and ELA on Thursday

- Friday 12/19 will be an early release at 12:45pm. An email will be sent from Ms. Weinbaum as a reminder.
- Friday is a 'turn in' day for Connections.
- January 5th – Student holiday and teacher workday

Basketball

- Games finished until we return from break
- Teams doing well
- PTSA Student Night: December 8th and January 12th

Elementary and HS Transition for SY2025-26

- Mr. Martin is working with SHS on dates to speak with students and when parent information sessions will be scheduled. The email is expected to go to 8th grade parents in January.
- Mrs. Burns is working with our feeder schools to schedule visits to tour DRMS
    - A parent meeting in May will be scheduled and sent to parents when finalized

STEM Family Night – Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.

- Later than usual to ensure that we avoid conflicts with SHS schedule for 8th grade transition
- An RSVP will be requested but not required

Trends in Education/County Information

- Work sessions that are prior to school board meetings are now recorded and can be viewed on the CCSD website. Both board meetings and work sessions are linked under board meetings.
- CCSD by the Numbers
- Reviewed 4 Key Priorities
- Reviewed Core Beliefs
- Timeline of work by the School Board and Superintendent
- Model: Balanced autonomy with supported accountability
- 2025-26 Budget
    - Reduced central office budget by 5%
    - Re-allocated funds from central office departments to school account, increasing school allocation by more than 40% overall.
    - Invested in comprehensive K-12 ELS and math adoptions
    - Showed student investment numbers, staff payroll, transportation, taxpayer resources, homestead exemption, and overall breakdown of county budget.
    - Student Achievement – increase in graduation rate and milestone scores

Feedback

- Cherokee High School – What do you think should be there next?
- Student Devices – What is your perspective of our current student devices? What would be ideal for CCSD regarding student devices?
- School Safety – What is going well? What improvement recommendations would you make?
- Grades – What is going well with our current grading process? What could be improved?
- Instructional Resources – What is going well with our current ELA/Math adoption?

Questions

None at this time

Agenda for Next Meeting