



Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy School Council Minutes



DATE: 04/29/2026

MEETING TIME: 7:33am – 8:38am

MEETING LOCATION: Jennifer Williams Office

MEETING CALLED BY	Jennifer Williams, Principal
TYPE OF MEETING	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Jennifer Williams
NOTE TAKER	Maria Benitez
BOARD ATTENDEES	Meagan Creamer, Maria Benitez, Maggie Horne, Christine Carter Nicole Way, Becca Soto
INVITED GUEST ATTENDEES	

Topic: Agenda Review and Approval of Minutes

Time Allotted: 3 minutes

Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Discussion: Nothing to add. Approval of minutes Meagan motioned. Maggie Horn seconded

Conclusions:

Action Items: none

Person Responsible: none

Deadline: none

Topic: Reports

Time Allotted: 40 minutes

Presenter: Jennifer Williams,

A. Principal - Frozen production was great. \$3,300 in the Fine Arts funds for next year. Will have a three-day, matinee performance next year. One day will be on a Saturday, the week before Spring Break. Madagascar Kids. Next year's musical.

- Suggested clubs next year – Tech Kids Club Drama Club Maybe a student lead play?
- Mrs. D., Mrs. Hanner and Mrs. Hartzog are the ones overseeing.
- Meagan Cremer suggested Showcases by grade levels like Oak Grove used to do.
- Steam – Team came out to tour. Literacy doesn't align with Fine Arts. With our curriculum rubric, there is no room to add more Fine Arts. Closing gaps in literacy is more important. States sets standards and can't sway from that. Not enough in the classrooms. Decisions need to be made. Thinking about taking the "A" out to become a "STEM" school. Where can we meet in the middle? Everything will stay the same. Stem is a national certification. One more year before, credentials

need to be renewed. Still have time to talk and make decisions. Ms. Williams looked at other Steam schools; test scores were low. Literacy being sacrificed. Maggie Horn – Just don't have time. Priority first. (Math) • Test Scores – Please see chart. ELA, Reading, and Math is what School Improvement plans are based on. You will see higher scores in Reading than ELA. Milestone scores won't be seen until November 2026. Students came in at 0%. One more year to reach goal. Look at the scores going diagonal. 3rd grade students last year to 4th grade to 5th grade. (yellow highlight) Scores have been increasing from year before. Colors show the growth. With the new standards it exposed gaps. That's why we see a decrease in 3rd grade Math. • 5th grade Math – Maggie Horn explained teachers had revamped lessons. Retaught Unit 1. Working in small groups. Have talked to district to try to restructure the curriculum as far as what is taught first. See a lack of motivation in 5th grade. Students not understanding the Milestones help determine middle school classes. It was suggested a meeting with 5th grade parents would help. Parents may not know Milestone testing determines middle school classes. EOC in High School 20% of grade. B. Staff – Christine Carter 1st grade met Reading and Math goals. Ms. Williams stated Kindergarten reached Math and reading goals. Goal to reach was 70% We are at 84.9% on level. C. Parent – We are all happy with the changes at Oak Grove. Looking forward to the future.		
Conclusions: Looking into meeting in middle or to take out "A" and go to STEM. We are moving in the right direction in our School Improvement Plan. Closing gaps.		
Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

Topic: Agenda Items
 Time Allotted: 15 minutes
 Presenter: Jennifer Williams

A. Review School year- • Lee Patti Leaving Oak Grove. Taking a District Level Position Academics and Accountability • Lena Dominguez is leaving Oak Grove. No TSA position due to low enrollment. • Lost some teaching positions. 2nd and 3rd grade went from 4 to 3 classrooms. • Enrollment is low. • Kindergarten, Melissa is trying to get registration up. 40 students registered so far. • Soaring into Kindergarten is on May 19th. They will preview specials. Parent meeting. School Partnerships helped buy shirts for Kindergarten. Learning Like A Eagle packet will be sent home to complete during the Summer. Prize to complete for a Prize at beginning of 2026-2027 school year. • Attendance is up from last year. We are at 96%. A 2% growth. Goal is 97.7% B. Strategic Plan Updates – Superintendent is achieving to be the highest achieving district. We went from 26th to 8th. Approved a 3% pay raise for the district.		
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C. School Council for 2026 – Two Parents are rolling off. Two Parent positions will be open for next year.		
Conclusions: Looking forward to Next year!		
Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

Topic: Old Business

Time Allotted: 5 minutes

Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Meagan Creamer asked about the school and plans for rebuilding. Ms. Williams talked to Mr. Murdock, depends on SPLOST and how much gets approved. Oak Grove is the oldest school in the district.		
Conclusions: Should be the next school to get rebuilt or building improvements.		
Action Items: None	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: none

Topic: Future Agenda Item and Public comment

Time Allotted: 2 minutes

Presenter: Jennifer Williams

It was a great school year and looking forward to next year's School Council.		
Conclusions:		
Action Items: none	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

ADJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Jennifer Williams
TIME	8:38