Free Home Elementary

School Council Meeting

September 15, 2026

The Free Home Elementary School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 AM in the conference room.

School Council Members Present:

- ✓ Julie Peppers, Principal
- ✓ Kristin Hornsby, Parent/Business Partner
- ✓ Trey Howell, Parent/Business Partner
- ✓ Sarah Paulk, Parent
- ✓ Michelle Stephens, Parent
- ✓ Cindy Satterfield, Certified Staff
- ✓ Shanna Wilbanks, Certified Staff/Parent

Call to Order

- Mrs. Peppers called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Kristen Hornsby and seconded by Michelle Stephens

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Kristin Hornsby and seconded by Cindy Satterfield

Annual School Council Training Powerpoint reviewed

Leadership Qualities of a Principal reviewed and submitted to District Office

Report of the Principal

- Current enrollment 291 (2 classes per grade level)

- 2019 -2020 Enrollment 287
- 2020-2021 Enrollment 277
- 2021-2022 Enrollment 310
- 2022-2023 Enrollment 305
- 2023-2024 Enrollment 291
- 2024-2025 Enrollment 279
- 2025-2026 Enrollment 289
- Superintendent of School – Mary Elizabeth Davis
    - Updated Anchor Slide
    - Ed-SPLOST 2026 and Strategic Plan

    - Policies KN, IHA, IHE, IFB
        - Point of contact, grading policy, retention, learning devices
- I**nstruction and Assessments**
    - Free Home ES SIP – One-pager
    - STAR – letters sent by District Individual Student screening reports
    - GKIDS in kindergarten
    - Grades 3-5 will be taking Milestones in month of May only
- **Attendance and Tardy**
    - HB 123; attendance review panel
- **Safety and Security**
    - School Resource Officer – Jon Croft
    - Daily Safety Huddles and Safety walks
    - School Safety Advisory Committee
    - Fuses Camera System
    - Walkies for all teachers – Thank you PTA
    - Centegix badges
    - Identi-A-Kid sign-in
    - Cart outside for forgotten items
    - Practice Code Red, Fire Drills, Severe Weather Drills, AED drills (staff only)
    - Badge reader at the gym door to be installed this week
    - Fence being added between the building and field, teachers' keys will allow access

Exciting news:

- America's Healthiest Schools
- PBIS launch – New Shirts coming soon and updated procedures
- Parent Teacher Conference Days coming in October. These will be different than student-led conferences.
- Grass is growing nicely between the two playgrounds
- Gym will be waxed over Thanksgiving break
- Therapy dogs are a possibility
- Rocket Rally
    - PJ and Hat Day
    - Obstacle Course in PE
    - Schoolwide Ice Cream at lunch
    - Foam Party

Upcoming events:

- Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – Sept. 15, 4PM – 8PM
- Constitution Day – Sept. 17

- Rocket Rally Rewards Day and High-5 Friday – Sept. 18
- Fall Break - Sept. 21-25
- Statewide Fire Drill – Oct. 7
- Fall/Yearbook Picture Day – Oct. 8
- Mission Assembly (shirts provided by PTA)– Oct. 9
- PTA Reflections Due – Oct. 10
- No School for Students – Oct. 12
- Early Release Days (half-days – students leave at 11:30AM) – Oct 13-16
- Fall Festival – Oct. 16
- 50th Day of School – Oct. 20
- Bus Safety (K-3) – Oct. 22
- Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 26 – Oct. 30
- Remote Learning Day – Nov. 3
- Veterans Day Ceremony – Nov. 11 at 8AM
- Next School Council Meeting – Nov. 17 at 7AM

New Business:

Trey Howell, chair

Michelle Stephens, vice chair

Cindy Satterfield, secretary

Adjournment: 8:27 AM