School Council 9/29/26 - Meeting Minutes

Members present:
Dawn Weinbaum, Principal
Dawn Lewis, Chairperson
Chaitanya Peruka
Tori Teska, Vice Chair
Jenn Tansy, Teacher
Misty Harper, Teacher/Secretary

Ms. Weinbaum presented School Council Training, Reviewed bylaws and facilitated elections of officers Tori Teska, Vice-Chair and Misty Harper, Secretary.

Ms. Weinbaum presented the Elevate 2032 CCSD Strategic Plan and showed members how to access the information on the CCSD website.

Beginning of School Year
Student population almost 1500
Many new programs implemented
Great start to the 2026-27 school year

Ms. Weinbaum reviewed the ELA/Literacy/Math goals per the School Improvement Plan.
- included a review of the high impact strategies that are used at DRMS
- This year's focus strategies include cognitive task analysis, reciprocal teaching, and vocabulary programs.

Ms. Weinbaum reviewed Milestone data and explained the missing data for ELA due to the change in standards and a delay in Milestone scoring.

Ms. Weinbaum reviewed the State Attendance Law and it's relationship with our attendance goals. After 7 absences, doctor's notes for sick days are required. Ms. Teska asked for clarification on the best way to submit absence excuses. Excuses are accepted on paper, by email to teachers and/or counselors or email to the front office.

Ms. Weinbaum explained the function of Professional Learning Communities (PLC) for teachers to work in their departments and grade levels to ensure best practices and adherence to the standards.

Ms. Weinbaum reviewed the Chief Culture program with regard to teaching students about what respect looks like at school and related to safety. She highlighted the positive reinforcement of Chief Belief cards from teachers to students.

Ms. Weinbaum provided the countywide basketball schedule to members.

Ms. Weinbaum spoke about safety and security at DRMS including the secured entry process, the secured doors that require key card access and the onsite inspections from our school resource officer.

Ms. Weinbaum explained the school improvements that were completed using Ed-SPLOST funding and explained that the upcoming vote will support activities like building and sports program maintenance.

Members were provided a copy of the Principal Leadership Qualities and encouraged to consider any additions or revisions necessary.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 4:30 pm.