Freedom Middle School
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

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DATE: 10/1/2026 MEETING TIME: 8:00AM MEETING LOCATION: Conference Room

MEETING CALLED BY	Chad Flatt
TYPE OF MEETING	
PRINCIPAL	Chad Flatt
NOTE TAKER	Mary Robinson
BOARD ATTENDEES	Sharon Archibald, Anna Cruzado, Rachel Blend, Dana Gardner, Brittany Holton, Deanna Smith
GUEST ATTENDESS	

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED 3 Min TOPIC Agenda Review/Minutes Approval PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Agenda reviewed, motion to approve - Rachel Blend, Second - Brittany Holton, All Approved
Minutes from 4/12/26 reviewed, motion to approve - Rachel Blend, Second - Brittany Holton, All Approved	
CONCLUSIONS	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED 10 min TOPIC School Council CCSD Presentation PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Reviewed CCSD Anchor slide - purpose is for alignment, guidance and focus. Goes from the big picture
down to a small focus. Reviewed FMS Anchor slide - Includes the Freedom Fundamentals (Learn with Purpose, Lead	
with Respect, Protect Every Learner), FMS Standard (Focus, Maturity, Self-Control), Core policies, & student goals	
CONCLUSIONS	Purpose of the school council was discussed as well as the FMS Standard - our current language in the school

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send presentation to council members	Flatt	10/7/26

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TIME ALLOTTED 5 Min TOPIC Election of Officers PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Reviewed roles of officers. Notes will be taken by Mary Robinson. Request for nominations was made. Chairperson - Rachel Blend self-nominated, motion was seconded, all approved. Vice Chair - Brittany Holton self-nominated motion was seconded, all approved. Secretary - Deanna Smith was self-nominated, motion seconded, all approved.
CONCLUSIONS	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

TIME ALLOTTED 5 Min TOPIC Leadership Qualities of a Principal PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Distributed currently adopted leadership qualities from 2025-2026. Distributed blank worksheets for council members to make suggestions , changes, and recommendations. They are to review before the next meeting and come prepared to finalize the 2026-2027 Qualities of a Principal.
CONCLUSIONS	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Make updates to Qualities of a Principal	All Board Members	11/12/26

TIME ALLOTTED 10 Min TOPIC Chromebook Distribution PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Distributed CCSD one-pager regarding Policy IFB - devices should only be used for 20% of instruction, the teacher should remain the main source of instruction. Students pick up devices from last academic class in the morning before going to 1st period and plug them back in at the end of the day. What is the benefit of individual devices?
CONCLUSIONS	There would need to be twice the amount of devices in a school to cover each classroom so it is more economically viable to do individual. The teachers are very happy with the devices and usage. For math especially, students have access to the on-line calculator used for Milestones so they get used to using it.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send Policy IFB to council members	Flatt	10/7/26

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TIME ALLOTTED 10 Min TOPIC Student Grading & Retention Policies PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Distributed CCSD one-pager for policy IHA - the goal is for students to demonstrate mastery of standards. We use formative assessments to determine if students are learning the standard before they need to prove their understanding with summative assessments. Department chair meeting on Monday to discuss grade remediation.
CONCLUSIONS	Every department and grade level will vary with their grade remediation policy. We will develop a one-pager for FMS to detail our practices for families. We have communicated with the high schools to get their practices to ensure we are in alignment with an appropriate progression from 6th through 8th grade.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send council members Policy IHA	Flatt	10/7/26
Develop FMS one-pager for remediation practices	Flatt	5/23/2026

TIME ALLOTTED 5 Min TOPIC Promotion, Placement & Retention PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	Distributed CCSD one-pager for Policy IHE - discusses the CCSD policy regarding promotion, placement & retention. There is now potential for retention and summer school to make up for failing classes in middle school. Retention in middle school has been proven to be ineffective.
CONCLUSIONS	This will be a year long process to refine this plan. Parents need to be made aware of retention and summer school options so that families understand the consequence of failing a class.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send Policy IHE to council members	Flatt	10/7/26
Alert families to new practices	Flatt	Ongoing

TIME ALLOTTED 2 Min TOPIC Reading Intervention Plan PRESENTER Flatt

DISCUSSION	This is new this year. It is being enacted through our ELT time. The process is still evolving and we will discuss in more depth at the next meeting as we ran out of time for the meeting.
CONCLUSIONS	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Add Reading Intervention Plan to Agenda for Next Meeting	Flatt	11/12/26

AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Chad Flatt
TIME	9:06am
NEXT MEETING	November 12th, 2026

NOTES	Old Business - None
NOTES	New Business - Red Ribbon Week flyer will be sent to council for approval.
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