



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Ball Ground STEM Academy
School Council
9/17/2026

MEETING CALLED BY	Mrs. Amanda Blackwell
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Mrs. Amanda Blackwell
NOTE TAKER	Mrs. Jessica Mooney
MEMBERS PRESENT	Amanda Blackwell, Sarah Kay Dobbs, Jessica Mooney, Brett Holcomb (absent), Mandy Spell, Julie Bales, Beth Bentley (absent)
GUESTS PRESENT	Rebecca Heard (Literacy Coach), Mandy Stewart (Assistant Principal), Lauren Roach (Assistant Principal)

Call to order: (2:45 p.m.)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Topics (from the agenda)	• Agenda approved • Introductions • School Council Presentation -Members have viewed presentation or agree to read through presentation sent ahead of time • Election of Officers (Chair (parent), Vice-Chair (parent), Secretary (teacher)) -Mrs. Dobbs read the duties of each role -Nomination of chair: Mandy Spell, second by Ms. Stewart and Ms. Dobbs -Nomination of vice-chair: Brett Holcomb, second by Ms. Dobbs -Nomination of secretary: Jessica Mooney, second by Ms. Dobbs • Partnership Presentation by Ms. Heard and Ms. Stewart -What is a partnership? -Connection and support -We're a family and couldn't do it without our partners -3 categories of partnerships: culture and climate, staff support and student achievement -Partnership ripple activity; ideas from members about increased partnership ideas/opportunities -Increased partnerships: 2020, 3 partners; 2023, 21 partners; 2026, 48 partners which has supported increased student achievement, as well as increased attendance rates -The power of a tribe, we can do more together • Leadership Qualities of a Principal LINK -Members reviewed together -Will remain as written with no adjustments • Core Beliefs review for council; built by our entire staff over three years • Additional allotments in place this school year to support SIP goals and growth of students- 3.5 EIP allotments, KEYS Literacy Lab, STEM- full-time, additional assistant principal, additional counselor, 1.2 AIM teachers, ILS to Literacy Coach



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	• SIP: still not complete due to ELA Milestones not being back yet • Parent Communication is streamline through ParentSquare throughout CCSD - Weekly Tribe Tribune is sent on Friday -Individual teacher communication is sent through ParentSquare -Do all parents have parent square and Canvas? -Perhaps QR codes for parents in case they don't have • Biscuits with Buddies - Zone decision -Replace Thanksgiving lunches due to many factors (cost, efficiency, strain on staff, etc.)
Additional Topics of Discussion	• Does anyone have anything additional to discuss
Upcoming Dates	11/19/2026, 2/11/2027, 4/22/2027

Meeting adjourned:

NEXT MEETING DATE	• 11/19/26
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