Meeting Minutes- School Council 8/27/26

Attendees: Taylor Hunt, Mark Vance, Richie Carnes, Dena Collins, Rodney Larotta, Morgan Hudson, Josh Malcom, Jim Maher, Meagan Waid

- Welcome- great start to the school year so far. Can feel the excitement in the building. New members, Morgan Hudson (teacher) and Josh Malcom

- County Anchor Slide- this is what all of our work has been centered around. Key priorities and everything that is to follow are built on this.
- County Update- Josh Malcom- provided updates for SPLOST projects over the coming years. Executive director of capital improvements and facilities. Been in planning since 2024. Announced in July Board meeting. Timelines and calendars on the website. Next vote on the renewal of SPLOST is in November. Improvements to Creekview/Creekland include: new parking lots, new turf for baseball/softball, new turf for the football field, new proposed bus lane behind the building connecting to owens store rd., band tower for practice field, renovation of the amphitheater. Maintenance updates coming as well including HVAC, Flooring, etc. All of this is predicated on the November SPLOST initiative passing.
- Policy Updates
    - Policy KN- grievances. Trying to kick issues back to the source (teachers/schools) before going to county employees and supervisors. A lot of issues we have been seeing could have been simplified with a quick call home to parents by teachers/etc.
    - Policy IHA high school credit courses and course extension. TO be eligible for opportunities, students must carry the appropriate avg AND have fewer than 10 unexcused absences in the course. The same applies for course recovery.
    - making sure our support and systems are all aligned. The district is trying to amplify the conditions so students and teachers can be successful. As a school council we must be clear about our responsibilities and be the bridge between the school and the community.
- SIP – new committee. Trying to track our growth and stay on top of the metrics on a more consistent basis. The committee is made up of teachers from multiple departments, the ESOL chair, and the attendance ambassador.
- Literacy Lab- new to our school. Addresses part of the SIP geared toward our ELA goals. Hired a former literacy coach. This will be held during lunches. 120 kids have been identified as reading below grade level. They will be the hyper focus first. Reaching out to parents to get everything scheduled and ensure the kids attend during their lunch. The program we are using is called Freckle. Helps individualize

the process and meets them where they are. Trying a reward system/point system to encourage students to attend.

- Beginning-of-the-year information
    - Enrollment 1950-2000
    - Cell phones/ dress code going super well so far. Learning walks taking place
        - January Process- may change the cell phone plan going forward. A couple of schools in the county (Sequoyah and Etowah). We may go completely no cell phones in the classroom at all. Not even for academic use. Will make sure we have plenty of computer carts. Use a rotation system if we need to.
    - Town Hall Meetings- Vance meeting with students.
- Academics
    - 25-26 (School Profile) numbers from last year. Lots of growth. Great AP scores. Mr. Ragsdale, grew the program 38% increase in scores! Starting E Sports team.
    - SAT
    - PSAT Day and Early Release exact same as last year. Oct 28th. Opt In forms again. Those have been working really well.
- Extracurricular
    - Start of the year football softball volleyball band. Everything in full swing!
- Building Updates
    - Elevators- guts have been completely changed out. New hardware, new display. All updated!
    - New weight room- updated racks, flooring, dumbbells, weights, etc. a lot of people have chipped in to help control costs. Coach Pritchett leading the charge and running the weight room for the entire day.
- PTSA please promote. Trying to get all the teachers signed up.
- Open
  October 12th student holiday teacher workday
  Homecoming parade and dance dates
- Meeting Adjourned

Any additional Items: