Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy
School Council Minutes

DATE: 10/07/2026
MEETING TIME: 7:32am – 8:44am
MEETING LOCATION: Jennifer Williams Office

MEETING CALLED BY	Jennifer Williams, Principal
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular meeting
PRINCIPAL	Jennifer Williams
NOTE TAKER	Jennifer Williams
BOARD ATTENDEES	Amanda Celmer, Kristy Bence, Maggie Horne, Christine Carter Nicole Way, Becca Soto
INVITED GUEST ATTENDESS	Josh Malcolm

Topic: E-SPLOST Ballot Review
Time Allotted: 30 minutes
Presenter: Josh Malcolm

Discussion: **The council reviewed information regarding the upcoming E-SPLOST ballot, including proposed funding priorities and potential improvements to school facilities.**		
Conclusions: E-SPLOST is on the ballot for county residence to vote on, a 50% +1 vote is what E-SPLOST needs to begin school improvements; Oak Grove Elementary is included on the agenda for improvements. Oak Grove will receive a complete demo and rebuild in phases. Oak Grove estimated start is January of 2028 with a completion date of May 30, 2031. Trailers will be provided for students and teachers during demo. A review of what SPLOTS is: academics, arts, athletics, career workforce, safety & security, technology.		
Action Items: none	Person Responsible: none	Deadline: none

Topic: Presentation to School Council
Time Allotted: 20 minutes
Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Discussion: **School Council members participated in introductions. Ms. Williams briefly spoke on School Council training and will email the powerpoint to the council to review. The council discussed Oak Grove's School Improvement Plam and ongoing improvement efforts**.
Conclusions: The council will review the powerpoint prior to the next meeting. The council can help spread the word of Oak Grove's rebuild. The council can inform community members what the E-SPLOST ballot will do for our community if voted yes on.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Email School Council Training PPT to council members	Ms. Williams	10/23/2026

Topic: Selection of Officers
Time Allotted: 15 minutes
Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Discussion: **The council discussed and selected members to serve in leadership roles, including Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.**		
Conclusions: Nicole Way will serve as the chair person and will call the meetings and prepare agendas for future meetings. Amanda Celmer will serve as vice chair. Becca Soto will serve as the secretary and take notes for future meetings.		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Create agenda for next meeting	Nicole Way	12/01/2026

Topic: Principal Leadership Qualities
Time Allotted: 10 minutes
Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Discussion: **Members reviewed and discussed the leadership qualities that guide the school's improvement efforts.**		
Conclusions: The council will keep the leadership qualities the same for the 26-27 school year.		
Action	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Ms. Williams will email the leadership qualities to board	Jennifer Williams	10/23/2026

Topic: School Facilities and Growth
Time Allotted: 10 minutes
Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Discussion: **5 year strategic plan. The council discussed school facility planning, including the timeline for Oak Grove and Etowah projects.**
Conclusions: The council discussed school facility planning, including the timeline for Oak Grove and Etowah projects. Josh Malcolm attended and presented on the timeline for construction projects if the Ed-Splost tax passes the November ballot.

Action Items: none	Person Responsible: None	Deadline: None

Topic: Calendar/Open Forum
Time Allotted: 10 minutes
Presenter: Jennifer Williams

Discussion: **Ms. Williams stated next meeting will be on Decemebr 9th at 7:30am. Advise SRO Turn lights are out. Superintendent holding a town hall meeting at ET Booth.**		
Conclusions: Ask SRO to turn lights on at dismissal. Invite was sent to school council members to join her for a town hall meeting at ET Booth.		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Email council members invite from Superintendent	Jennifer Williams	Sent 10/05/2026

ADJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Council Members
TIME	8:44am
NEXT MEETING	December 9TH, 2026 7:30am