



Cherokee County School District  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes Notes

## Creekland Middle School School Council 2020-2021

DATE November 12, 2020    MEETING TIME 7:45    MEETING LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

MEETING CALLED BY	Dr. Carnes
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Dr. Richie Carnes
NOTE TAKER	Carlie Young
BOARD ATTENDEES	Shawn Meade, Jennifer Davis, Brian Stevens, Ashlee Law, Laura Brown, Carlie Young
GUEST ATTENDEES	Nathan Cline, Leah Bleisath, Celeice Hood

### Agenda Items

TIME: 7:47

TOPIC: Call to Order/Agenda Review

PRESENTER: Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Dr. Carnes reviewed the agenda and opened the floor for questions or suggestions.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 7:48

TOPIC: COVID Updates

PRESENTER Carnes

DISCUSSION	Every day there are more reported cases of COVID. Parents are still concerned that we cannot require masks at our school, however, this mandate must come from the superintendent. Most students that are testing are not showing symptoms. In addition, if they are showing symptoms it is a cold or slight fever. Extra sanitation efforts have proven to be positive in assisting with other sicknesses as well.		
CONCLUSIONS	Faculty and staff will continue implementing sanitation procedures to ensure safety of students.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 7:52

TOPIC School/Community Morale

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Creekland faculty and staff have been battling the changes and events that have occurred thus far. These problems are global, and we will make it if we lean on each other. Dr. Carnes believes that we are doing well. Mrs. Brown adds that we have great faculty and students here at Creekland and we are doing well. Mrs. Hood adds that she has been pleasantly surprised at how welcoming the staff and community has been. Thankful grams have been a positive initiative to acknowledge how much we appreciate each other.		
CONCLUSIONS			



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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
n/a		

TIME: 7:56

TOPIC: STEM

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	We are partnering with Discovery Ed and meeting frequently through Microsoft Teams. The goal is to become STEM certified while moving towards collaborative thinking and interdisciplinary learning. COVID protocols have made it difficult to implement group work, but teachers are still using their resources to encourage and engage students in learning. We must continue to learn about where our students are going so that we may help get them there. If you are interested in joining the STEM meeting, you may join our representative to gather more information.	
CONCLUSIONS	Dr. Carnes has offered the opportunity for board members to join STEM meeting in the future.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
n/a		

TIME: 8:00

TOPIC: Digital Learning

PRESENTER Nathan Cline

DISCUSSION	We have had students coming back face to face while others are going digital. This has affected class sizes and could potentially alter schedules come January. Mr. Cline believes that Creekland has been successful in digital learning and he is proud of the teachers.	
CONCLUSIONS	Creekland faculty and students will continue making the digital learning experience engaging for our students while managing the face to face class sizes.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
n/a		

TIME: 8:02

TOPIC: Student Activities (clubs/athletics)

PRESENTER: Nathan Cline

DISCUSSION	Clubs have started back up and are just trying to follow all protocols while allowing the students to participate. The basketball season starts today (November 12 <sup>th</sup> ) with a limited capacity and no concessions. Tickets are sold digitally through Go Fan and cash transactions will not be accepted.	
CONCLUSIONS	Overall, clubs and athletics are striving for some normalcy while also making safety the top priority.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
n/a		



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TOPIC: Sources of Strength

PRESENTER Celeice Hood

DISCUSSION	Sources of Strength adult advisors and student representatives have completed their training and are excited to roll it out to the rest of the school. First campaign will be in December focusing on our personal sources of strength (Ex: Family support or Healthy Activities).		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Mrs. Hood is going to send out the campaign ideas for Sources of Strength	Celeice Hood		

TIME: 8:06

TOPIC: Safety/Security

PRESENTER Celeice Hood

DISCUSSION	We must think about things differently this year. We have refined procedures for cleaning that is both efficient and cost effective. Microfiber cloths have been purchased for teachers to clean learning devices. Emergency Drill procedures have also had to be altered in order to social distance in the hallways. Teacher representatives on safety committee have provided feedback regarding use of space and safety protocols.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:09

TOPIC: Summary of School Improvement Plan (SIP)

PRESENTER: Leah Bleisath

DISCUSSION	Our School Improvement Plan discusses how we implement PLCs and our technology plan. Our technology plan follows a 2:1 ratio and we plan to begin implementing best practices for digital learning. This will get rolled out in January through Canvas. We have added portions regarding our technology professional development opportunities. These are done monthly on Teams with Frank Graham. Some best practices for special education have also been added specifically focusing on Progress Track which will allow for tracking of data. Our zone goal this year is to work collaboratively with other teachers and schools to increase achievement in ELA. We have added two additional high school credit classes and an SEL component. Mr. Cline added information about the SEL component for digital learners through Canvas.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			



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TOPIC: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Transition

PRESENTER: Leah Bleisath

DISCUSSION	We had a great start of the year taking it day by day. We were able to hold our 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Bear Walks with restrictions. This really assisted our students in making the transition to middle school. Our 6 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers are positive and encouraging to students. The students are involved in the community through sports and clubs which allows students to meet each other prior to Creekland and form friendships. Students were provided a grace period for discipline as they have been undergoing several changes since March. Our expectations have been communicated since and we have had a successful transition.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:24

TOPIC: Testing

PRESENTER: Leah Bleisath

DISCUSSION	We are Milestone testing this year and it will be either late April or early May. One grade level will be tested per week. Middle School scores do count for the High School CCRPI. These plans are tentative as things are changing frequently this year.		
CONCLUSIONS	More testing information will be distributed closer to testing dates.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:27

TOPIC: Teacher Check-In

PRESENTER Laura Brown and Carlie Young

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Young mentioned that teachers and students have been working diligently to still incorporate collaborative learning while keeping safety a priority. Mrs. Brown discussed the success of the United Way campaign held last week that raised about \$2500. We are proud of our community.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:29

TOPIC: Agenda Items- Open Floor

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes/ ALL

DISCUSSION	Mr. Meade expresses that everyone understands the difficulty of this year and has not heard too many complaints on the middle school level. Mr. Stevens has mentioned that the middle school has done a good job achieving normalcy through unchartered territories. Mrs. Davis is thankful for Creekland's staff. Parents and students are happy to be in school and proud of what Creekland has achieved.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			



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TOPIC: Finance

PRESENTER Ashlee Law

DISCUSSION	More money has been coming to PTA as well as our clubs and athletic programs. PTA is looking into covering the costs for fixing the sign out front.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Dr. Carnes
TIME	8:42
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, January 28, 2021