



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Creekland Middle School School Council 2019-2020

DATE August 27, 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, Laura Brown, Jennifer Davis, Brian Stevens, Ashlee Law, Carlie Young,
GUEST ATTENDEES	Nathan Cline, Leah Bleisath, Celeice Hood

Agenda Items

TIME: 8:06

TOPIC: Introduction

PRESENTER: Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Introduced New Member- Carlie Young (Teacher). Mrs. Young expressed her excitement to join the council.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:10

TOPIC Approval of Minutes

PRESENTER Carlie Young

DISCUSSION	Council approved minutes for May 2020 meeting		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:10-8:13

TOPIC Election/Appointments

PRESENTER Carnes

DISCUSSION	Dr. Carnes opens up the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Jennifer Davis nominates Shawn Meade. Dr. Carnes opens up the floor for Vice Chair. Shawn Meade nominates Jennifer Davis. Dr. Carnes opens up floor for Secretary. Laura Brown nominates Carlie Young.		
CONCLUSIONS	Shawn Meade has been elected Board Chair. Jennifer Davis is elected Vice Chair. Carlie Young is elected Secretary.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			



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TIME: 8:13-8:19

TOPIC Beginning of School Year Challenges

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Dr. Carnes expressed that we are still figuring out how this school year is going to go. Admin spent two months discussing the best place for teachers when face to face learning resumed. Students are still experiencing schedule changes. Dr. Carnes expressed appreciation for faculty and staff for “answering the call.” Mentioned that less than 20% of students wear masks.		
CONCLUSIONS	Teachers and staff will continue to work with the community to make this a positive year for all stakeholders.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:19-8:20

TOPIC: Teachers

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Dr. Carnes expressed that teachers are putting pressure on themselves to represent Creekland in a positive way.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/a			

TIME:8:21-8:25

TOPIC Qualities of a Principal

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Dr. Carnes asks if any changes need to be made to the “Qualities of a Principal” Document. He asks if changes need to be made to specifically reflect this year’s unique challenges. Laura Brown suggests that we make a change to “School Climate” section to reflect use of technology.		
CONCLUSIONS	“School Climate” section of document will be adjusted to reflect digital learners.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Update “School Climate” Section	Dr. Carnes		

TIME: 8:25- 8:30

TOPIC: Digital Learning

PRESENTER: Mr. Cline

DISCUSSION	Mr. Cline explains that teachers are meeting at least once a week with digital students. School board announced that they are hiring 8 additional teachers to provide additional direct instruction in the 4 main academic areas (ELA, SS, Math, and Science). He explains that parents have provided Input and feedback regarding the faults and successes of APEX. Mr. Cline explains that Apex is not created by teachers, and teachers are having to adjust appropriately. Laura Brown asks about the location of the additional teachers and Mr. Cline says these Teachers will be at the district office.		
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Cline feels that we are moving in the right direction, and we hope to continue to do so.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/a			



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TOPIC: Curriculum Night Changes/Digital/SIP

PRESENTER Mrs. Bleisath

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Bleisath explains that administration is in the process of creating the School Improvement Plan despite the lack of last year's Milestone Scores. We should know in Oct. Whether we will have milestones this year. The School Improvement Plan includes ways to Increase/improve test scores. There is a canvas course and technology training that teachers are participating in for professional development. Mrs. Brown will be taking on a new role of helping special education teachers with best practices. There has been a new Agriculture Science class that allows our 8 th grade students to participate at the high school. Curriculum night will be done digitally. All subject areas (PLCs) will create a video to introduce themselves with a presentation of the class structure. These will be sent out the week of September 7 th .		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:40-8:45

TOPIC: Safety Update/Committee

PRESENTER Mrs. Hood

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Hood explains that the safety committee meets monthly and is made up of one teacher from each team. This allows all teachers to be involved in safety decisions. She expresses that the teachers have suggested great ideas for improvement. Mrs. Hood Explains the new process for fire drills. Hand Sanitizer and surface spray have been provided to all teachers.		
CONCLUSIONS	Safety committee will continue to improve practices for drills.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:46- 8:51

TOPIC: Teacher/Student Update

PRESENTER: Laura Brown and Carlie Young

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Young expresses that teachers are rising to the occasion and are happy to be back with students. Mrs. Brown expresses the same and appreciates being back with students. Positive feedback has been provided by the community in regards to the reopening. Ashlee Law adds that teachers are doing the best they can to make this a positive school year.		
CONCLUSIONS	Teachers will continue with safety/sanitizing measures to keep the reopening safe for everyone.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:51-8:56

TOPIC: Council Input/Concerns/Suggestions

PRESENTER: ALL

DISCUSSION	Shawn Meade asks about high class numbers. Dr. Carnes explains that due to the loss of 7 allotments and teachers having digital classes, larger class sizes have occurred.		
CONCLUSIONS	Dr. Carnes asks that we share information with the community when possible.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			



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TOPIC: Old Business

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Council did not have any old items to discuss.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:56-8:58

TOPIC: Canvas in Spring

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes/ ALL

DISCUSSION	Parents are asking why we are not using Canvas instead of APEX. Dr. Carnes explained that Apex had pre-built curriculum while Canvas does not.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

TIME: 8:58-8:59

TOPIC: Future Agenda Items

PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Dr. Carnes will continue to keep us up to date at every meeting.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a			

AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Dr. Carnes
TIME	9:00
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, November 12, 2020

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