



Cherokee County School District
School Council
Meeting Minutes Notes

Creekland Middle School School Council 2019-2020

DATE October 24, 2019

MEETING TIME 7:45

MEETING LOCATION FOCHR

MEETING CALLED BY	Dr. Carnes
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Dr. Richie Carnes
NOTE TAKER	Melissa Venezia
BOARD ATTENDEES	Shawn Meade, Laura Brown, Jennifer Davis, Brian Stevens, Ashlee Law, Nick Zomer, Leah Bleisath
GUEST ATTENDESS	

Agenda Items

TIME ALLOTTED 5 minutes

TOPIC Approval of Minutes

PRESENTER M. Venezia

DISCUSSION	The council approved the minutes from the September 2019 meeting.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
n/a		

TIME ALLOTTED 15 minutes

TOPIC School Safety

PRESENTER Mr. Zomer

DISCUSSION	The students are aware of the school safety plan and have viewed a PowerPoint of procedures. Evacuation routes are posted in every classroom. Mr. Zomer is currently forming a safety committee of staff and wants at least one teacher per team CPR certified. Funds donated by the Jr Grizzly football program will be used to purchase an additional AED to be located outside the counselor's office- centrally in the building. We have a fire drill at least monthly, and practice for severe weather. The students are aware of the anonymous tips line through Safe Schools- see something say something. Communication is made with parents whenever we practice lockdown drills.	
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Zomer is constantly updating the plan, and the teachers' emergency notebook is updated annually.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Ongoing monitoring of the conditions of the building/potential dangers	Mr. Zomer	ongoing



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TIME ALLOTTED 15 minutes TOPIC Social and Emotional Learning PRESENTER Mrs. Bleisath

DISCUSSION	Cherokee has put focus on this issue. The students use the 7 mindsets program through our advisement periods. Counselors are forming support groups and Dr. Carnes sent a survey to students encouraging them to identify a trusted adult in the building they could go to in a crisis. Administration has been out in the building making positive connections with students in the building.	
CONCLUSIONS	Ongoing efforts to reach every child include reaching out personally to every child who could not identify an adult in the building to connect. Mrs. Davis mentioned a training in QPR which she described CPR for suicide prevention and offered information about an upcoming training.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Dr. Carnes took the information on the QPR training	Dr. Carnes	November

TIME ALLOTTED 10 mins TOPIC Media Center Concerns PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Certain books are kept behind the counter in the media center because they are more of a 14+ topic and parent consent will be required prior to checkout.	
CONCLUSIONS	Field and Stream magazines about hunting were deemed appropriate for the shelves.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The media specialist will continue to monitor materials for review.		

TIME ALLOTTED 15 mins TOPIC STEM PRESENTER Dr. Carnes

DISCUSSION	Discovery Education is supporting our move to STEM (Students and Teachers Energizing Minds). Teacher plans will include the 4C's: Collaboration, Critical thinking, Communication, and Creativity. STEM is a new class this year in connections but a team of teachers are working with Discovery to include these activities in all areas of the curriculum.	
CONCLUSIONS	Discovery Education will continue to come into the building to support our teachers for the next three years.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE



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TOPIC Parental Concerns

PRESENTER Parent members

DISCUSSION	Mr. Stevens discussed his concerns with cyber bullying. Mrs. Davis shared about an app called BARK that costs \$15 per month and shares with parents on apps used by the kids. The vaping policy has been helpful and we have seen a reduction in students with this discipline infraction.	
CONCLUSIONS	Parent involvement in monitoring phones is key. Social Emotional health is impacted by social media. Vaping will be a topic at the next GPS (Grizzly Community Meeting) January 9 th at the high school.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Dr. Carnes
TIME	8:50
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, February 13, 2020

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