

EAST COWETA HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

ECHS CONFERENCE ROOM

In Attendance:

Present Council Members	Absent Council Members	Public
Stephen Allen, Principal	Matthew Joo, Teacher Rep	None present
Vivian Kelley, Parent Rep	Denise Buchanan, CIS Rep	
Michael Graham, Chair	Martha Milam, Teacher Rep	
Jaden Stuzmann, Student Rep	Jasmine Guy, Student Rep	
Chad McNutt, Secretary	Robert Dalman, Teacher Rep	
Gavin Miller, Business Rep		
Monica Terrell, Vice Chair		

I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:39 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

With minimal discussion, the Council voted to approve the agenda for the Thursday, May 19, 2016 meeting.

ACTION: **The agenda for the Thursday, May 19, 2016 ECHS Council meeting was approved by acclimation.**

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chad McNutt read the minutes from the meeting held on March 15, 2016. With minimal discussion, the Council voted to approve the minutes.

ACTION: **The meeting minutes for the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 ECHS Council meeting were approved by acclimation.**

V. Presentation to School Council

There were no presentations.

VI. Old Business**A. School Tour reports**

Ms. Monica Terrell was able to tour the school following the previous council meeting. She reported that she talked to the guidance counselors about scholarship information, met with students, looked at the cafeteria, and visited a few classrooms. The classrooms visited were family living, inclusion classes, ROTC and she reported all of the students seemed to be progressing well. Overall, it was a good report and EC staff and students seem pleased with the direction the school is going.

B. Topic to address next year were discussed.

- a. The Indian Kickoff in the fall was discussed. The desire is to get more students involved to build more school spirit.
- b. Mr. Steve Allen discussed the involvement of the EC School Council and his desire for us to be more involved in school activities. All members agreed to participate in events and Mr. Allen agreed to get the members dates to all of the school events he would like the council to attend. There was also discussion about each of the council members attending at least one staff meeting next year so the staff is aware of who the council members are.
- c. Discussion took place among the council and the request was made to have an ID card as a council member that will allow the council members to attend school functions. Mr. Allen put the request in to have a pilot program that would give the council a Coweta County School ID. Additional details will be discussed at the next meeting regarding this program.

VII. New Business**A. Transgender bathrooms were discussed by the council.**

Mr. Steve Allen reported that there is still a lot of questions regarding the need for the county to provide bathrooms for transgender students as the Obama Administration has mandated. The State of Georgia along with numerous other states are appealing the mandate so as of right now, nothing has changed in Coweta County schools. There are bathrooms available for any student who might have the need to use their own bathroom. At this time, no students at ECHS have come forward requesting transgender bathrooms. More discussion is to take place in the future on this topic should the need arise.

B. Council desires more parent involvement.

People want us to do more and we want to make an impact. Mr. Michael Graham discussed looking more at the programs to promote more student and parent involvement in our school. He also discussed receiving feedback from some parents

that teachers are not putting grades in promptly to the Campus Portal. Mr. Allen will look into that and hold teachers accountable for promptly adding the grades in.

Ms. Monica Terrell advised the council that she is willing to lead educating parents on what resources are available to them and incorporate the Council into the school more.

- C. 9th Grade Night is expected to bring more students and their parents into being more involved as they learn about the campus portal and opportunities to be involved at ECHS.
- D. The council discussed bringing more awareness to the Council by having a web page, meeting with staff, and reaching out to parents. Mr. Graham will continue to lead the efforts of this initiative. Ms. Vivian Kelley suggested adding a parent with a special needs child to the council to bring awareness and a voice to that arena of the school.

VIII. Report of the Principal

Mr. Steve Allen provided a quick update since our last meeting that everything is on track for graduation. Additional items were discussed earlier in the meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Graham opened the floor for any additional comments, questions or concerns. After none were expressed, he requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: Mr. Chad McNutt made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 am and Ms. Vivian Kelley seconded.