

# EAST COWETA HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

### ECHS CONFERENCE ROOM

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**In Attendance:**

Present Council Members	Absent Council Members	Public
Stephen Allen, Principal	Vivian Kelley, Parent Rep	None present
Michael Graham, Chair		
Kimberly Weber, Parent Rep		
Chad McNutt, Secretary		
Ashley Hjemvick, Parent Rep		
April Parker, Parent Rep		
Melanie Tomlinson, Parent Rep		
Gavin Miller, Business Rep		
Robert Dalman, Teacher Rep		
Monica Terrell, Vice Chair		

**I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:38 a.m.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

With minimal discussion, the Council voted to approve the agenda for the Thursday, March 16, 2017 meeting.

**ACTION:**     **The agenda for the Thursday, March 16, 2017 ECHS Council meeting was approved by acclimation.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Chad McNutt read the minutes from the meeting held on January 19, 2017. With minimal discussion, the Council voted to approve the minutes.

**ACTION:**     **The meeting minutes for the Thursday, January 19, 2017 ECHS Council meeting were approved by acclimation.**

**V. Presentation to School Council**

A.     School Tour Reports

Ms. April Parker discussed some opportunities she has had to be in the school and reported that from all appearances students and faculty seemed very positive about ECHS. Members were reminded to do school reports. Mr. Graham would like to have a report by the next meeting.

B. Open meetings

Board members were reminded to send an email to Ms. Monica Nelson at ECHS with their bio that will be posted on the ECHS website. Additionally, meeting information is being posted by Ms. Nelson so that the meeting dates and minutes are available to the public.

**VI. Old Business**

A. School Budget

Ms. Glover is working on having the school budget to the council by the next meeting. Mr. Steve Allen advised the budget is very similar to last year's budget.

B. Council Desires More Parent Involvement

Mr. Michael Graham recommended that Principal Steve Allen communicate our council meetings to the parents via the broadcast calls he frequently uses.

C. School Council Website

Mr. Michael Graham advised the council that a new picture needs to be retaken of the council because of the additional new members. He will try to set that up for the next meeting.

**VII. New Business**

A. Nomination of School Council Members

Mr. Graham asked council members to nominate students and parents so that we can vote on them at the next meeting.

B. ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax)

Mr. Graham encouraged all council members to get information out to those within their spheres of influence and vote on April 21, 2017. The 5 reasons to vote handout was also made available to everyone.

**VIII. Report of the Principal**

A. RESA

Mr. Allen announced that there will be a group coming in to ECHS to evaluate the school next week and that Ms. Nelson will be reaching out to council members tomorrow, inviting everyone to participate. Council members are encouraged to attend.

B. Plan for Seniors at Risk of not Graduating.

Mr. Graham asked Mr. Allen for an update on the "Senior Graduation Board". Mr. Allen stated that the faculty has done a very good job helping those at risk of not graduating and ECHS is looking at walking 620 students at graduation.

**IX. Adjournment**

**ACTION: Ms. Monica Terrell made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 am and Mr. Chad McNutt Seconded.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017.**