Eastwood Community Council Meeting Agenda
Friday, April 3, 2026, at 3:00 PM

Welcome

1. Started at 3:04 PM
2. In attendance:
    a. Principal Graham
    b. Current director of preschool
    c. Next director of preschool
    d. Another GSD preschool support staff
    e. Kristy Downing
    f. Tara Thomas
    g. Mary-Brook Townsend
    h. Brian Stout
3. Absent:
    a. Megan Medina

Business Items:

1. Approve last meeting minutes.
    a. Motion to approve: Tara
    b. Motion to approve: Mary-Brook
    c. All in attendance in favor
2. Gather written signatures (if needed) from council members to verify their participation in creating the school's LAND Trust plan for the next school year. (Done)

Principal Report Items:

1. **Celebrations**
2. **Preschool Services Team Discussion**
    a. We gave feedback regarding how to boost enrollment in preschool
3. **Finalize plans for summative testing and communicate to parents**, receiving input from parents on ways to increase student engagement and motivation during end-of-year assessments.
    a. RISE & SHINE Test Prep Pep Rally Presentation
    b. Test Taking Pep Talk Handouts (Every Monday during testing) - These will be presented to K-2 students for Acadience testing during the window in May
    c. RISE Practice at Home Card (Bring back for a sun clicker)
    d. Practice at home card expectations communicated to parents in the principal's March 20th weekly update
    e. RISE & SHINE Test Prep Plan will be communicated to parents in the principal's April newsletter
4. **Review LAND Trust Spending.** Remind your council that it is a requirement to spend at least 90% of your LAND Trust Budget. Outline how your school will meet this requirement.

a.

LAND Trust								
Account	Description	Working	Expensed	Encumbered	Projections	Test	Committed	Balance
10-238-26-5420-1000-0166-000	Hourly - Aides / Paras	39,016.03	10,361.94	0.00	22,430.43		32,792.37	6,223.66
10-238-26-5420-1000-0210-000	State Retirement	74.32	74.32	0.00			74.32	0.00
10-238-26-5420-1000-0220-000	Social Security	2,984.72	792.70	0.00	1,715.93		2,508.63	476.09
10-238-26-5420-1000-0270-000	Worker's Compensation	195.09	51.81	0.00	112.15		163.96	31.13
	Totals	42,270.16	11,280.77	0.00	24,258.51	0.00	35,539.28	6,730.88

b. We are on track to spend 90% of Land Trust funds

5. **Review school behavior performance data** to inform the school behavioral plan.

a.

LABEL	REFERRALS BY LOCATION
Bus	2
Classroom	3
Field	6
Gym	2
Hallway	1
Playground	3

6. **Create/update your school's School Behavior Plan**
    a. Stakeholder feedback is essential in helping schools create and adjust their school behavior plan. Representing both teachers and parents, Community Councils give valuable feedback on what is and isn't working for plans. Get feedback during the council Spring SCC meeting(s) and then, before the end of the school year, make changes to your plan so it is ready to go for next year.
        i. Current Eastwood Behavior Plan
7. **Determine council vacancies for next year.** Watching this video may help remind you about council openings and elections. As a reminder:
    a. "Parent/Guardian Eligibility – The parent or guardian has a student who will be enrolled at the school at any time during the two-year term."
    b. "'Parent member' may not include an educator who is employed at the school."
    c. Parent Positions are for 2-year terms and should be staggered, with no more than 50% of positions open in any given year. One-year terms may be necessary to be in compliance.
    d. Council size is determined by each individual school council. Patron members should outnumber employee members by two.
    e. Community council meeting dates and times are posted on the school website, along with the agenda, at least a week before the meeting. Should a council meeting need to be canceled or changed, update the council schedule on the website, giving at least a week's notice where possible.

Member	**Term**
Kristy Downing	2024-2026
Brian Stout	2024-2026
Tara Thomas	2024-2026
Mary-Brook Townsend	2025-2027
Megan Medina	2025-2026

1. We agreed to have two 2 year parent positions and one 1 year positions
    a. Motion to approve: Tara
    b. Second: Mary-Brook
    c. All in attendance in favor

8. Inform council members that the **upcoming SCC elections** will be on August 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2026. Declaration of Candidacy forms will be due on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026.
    a. 2026-27 Declaration of Candidacy Form
9. **Receive input from SCC on the school's Continuous Improvement Plan.**
    a. It is the school's responsibility, not a community council's, to complete the CIP needs assessment, set SSD goals and action steps, and set Talent Development goals and action steps, BUT…
    b. A Community Council's perspective is valuable and necessary in the overall CIP, helping demonstrate that needs are identified and addressed. Thus, at your April and May council meetings, part of the agenda will be to update council members on progress and gather ideas for your upcoming CIP. Their input is considered in the plan creation (which is due June 15th).
        i. **Academic Goals Input**
        ii. **Social Skills & Dispositions Goals Input**
        iii. **Talent Development Goals Input**
10. **Other topics** that principals bring up vary based on the school's needs and parents' interests and concerns, such as current community issues, upcoming school events, and calendar items.
    a. School Staffing Plan Input
    b. Kindergarten Kickoff (April 23rd)
    c. Dance Fest (May 14th)

PTA Report:

1. By Tara Thomas
    a. Field Day
    b. Beach Day
    c. Adjustment to providing food for teachers only on family engagement nights & SEPs

We talked about funding

- Tara will work with school secretary about helping parents with awareness with contributions

Closing:

1. Reminder of our next School Community Council meeting on Friday, May 8, at 3 PM
2. Also… Save the date! The next District Community Council meeting will be:
    a. April 28, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Hunter Jr. High
        i. Who's going to go?
        ii. Brian will go
3. Ended the meeting at ~4:45
    a. Motion to approve: Mary-Brook

b. Second: Tara
c. All in attendance in favor