



Shining Rock Classical Academy

Minutes

NEST Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Location

Dellwood Campus, Building A

Committee Members Present

J. Sims

Committee Members Absent

A. Adeleke

Guests Present

Anita Hall, Lauren Whitaker, Rachel McFalls, Tiffany Powell

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Sims called a meeting of the Culture Committee of Shining Rock Classical Academy to order on Thursday Mar 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

This is the first NEST meeting recorded by the Culture committee so no prior minutes to approve.

II. Fundraising

A. Current NEST Funds

~\$27,000 (note that we haven't paid World's Finest Chocolate yet).

B. World's Finest Chocolate

- 13 students still owe money for the boxes they agreed to sell
- On Monday, a date will be decided on for prize awarding ceremony
 - Students owing money will not be invited to the ceremony in order to incentivize them
- We still have 105 boxes not allocated for sale
 - \$60/box
- Mostly 4th grade and under sold boxes
- The price of the chocolate bars, as set by WFC, increased from the usual \$1 to \$2 this time around

C. Book Fair

- ~\$11,000 in sales from the March 3rd - 7th book fair
- We now have \$3,081.54 in Scholastic Dollars
- Our previous Scholastic Dollars balance was most recently used to purchase a projector set (for outdoor movies and the like), 3 large bookshelves, and 2 small bookshelves (bookshelves intended for our school's Lending Library program)
- We plan to host a buy-1-get-1 book fair May 5th - 7th

D. Krispy Kreme

- Tentatively in April, after Spring Break
- Does not require much planning
 - We allow school community to prepay for their orders
 - We take those orders and submit them in aggregate to Krispy Kreme of Asheville
 - We pick up the orders in the early morning and distribute them at student drop-off

E. Uniform Sale

- In July
- Low on supply; more uniform donations needed

- Unsure if Bear Creek (our vendor for apparel and embroidery) is able and willing to come out to the campus to perform embroidery or if we need to collect articles at the event and bring to Bear Creek

III. Needs

A. High School Book Donations

High school would like more books to fill out their Lending Library.

B. Uniform Donations

More uniform donations are needed to restock our supply for uniform sales.

C. Flood Victim Assistance

- Several students were severely impacted by the flooding from Hurricane Helene
- Food assistance
- Childcare
- We intend to help as we can and to reach out to Haywood Christian Ministries and First United Methodist Church to spread the word about the needs of these families

D. Snacks

- The snacks purchased with a \$3,000 donation to SRCA have finally been depleted
- NEST was purchasing snacks prior to that donation and it cost ~\$500 per month
- Only some classrooms invite parents to donate snacks

E. ParentSquare Notifications

We need to have ParentSquare notifications pushed out for the following:

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser
- Snacks
- Uniform donations

Infographic notifications are particularly effective

IV. Celebrations

A. Sun Shades

Holes to be dug in at the Russ Ave campus on March 22 for the new sun shades.

B. High School End-of-Year Celebration

- In May, at Lake Junaluska

- They would like use some of the NEST supplies to facilitate the event

C. K-8 End-of-Year Celebration

- In May
- NEST plans to provide some supplies and lots of popsicles

D. EC End-of-Year Trip to Aquarium

The SRCA EC group will be going to a Sensory Night at Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg, TN

- On April 30th
- NEST will be funding the trip

E. WINGS Summer Camp Celebration

- In June
- NEST plans to provide some supplies and volunteers

V. Closing Items

A. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 11 AM on April 10th in Building A of the Dellwood Rd campus.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Sims