APPROVED

Shining Rock Classical Academy

Minutes

NEST Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday August 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Location
Russ Ave Campus (2150 Russ Ave, Waynesville, NC 28786), on the gym stage

Committee Members Present
J. Sims

Committee Members Absent
A. Adeleke

Guests Present
Amy Hector, Anita Hall, Chelsea White-Hoglen, Christina Custice, Heather Jones, Kimberly Green, R. McFalls, Samantha Stiles, Tabitha Watson

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 Aug 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from NEST Meeting on 04-10-25.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Orientation

A. Introductions between new attendees

Many new attendees at this meeting!

B. NEST overview

Described what NEST has done in the past

- School uniform clothing sales/donations
- Thanksgiving food drives
- Fundraising (book fair, Worldś Finest Chocolate, etc.)
- Celebrations (snow cones and popcorn at dances, organizing parade float, etc.)
- Helping at literacy nights
- Lending library

III. Fundraising

A. Current NEST Funds

~$2,600

B. Book Fair

- September 15th - 19th
- Rachel McFalls will not be available for book fair on September 15th
- For children that do not have funds
  - NEST has, in the past, covered cost of books
  - A donation box is available for spare change
- Lending library is available for kids that do not have a book

C. Trivia Night

- TBD
- At an eatery outside of campus?
- How does this interface with enrollment in the federally-assisted school nutrition program?
- Teams pay to participate and winning team takes 50% of the winnings?

D. Yard Sale

- Saturday, October 18th
- $10 to reserve a spot to set up shop in the parking lot

- Chalk to designate reserved spots?

E. Art Auction

- TBD
- Student art
- Silent auction?
- Involve the Waynesville Art Council?

IV. Needs

A. Staff Needs

Staff does not often tell us what they need, and when they do it tends to be somewhat short notice

B. Uniform Donations

C. Book Donations for Lending Libraries

D. Post Hole Digging for Sun Shades

- Primarily, we need an augur to facilitate digging 6' wide by 4' deep holes for the sun shade posts
- Volunteer laborers also welcome; we already have some who are available to help

V. Celebrations

A. Fall Dances

TBD

VI. Other Business

A. NEST president for 2026

- Rachel McFalls is planning to step down as NEST president by January 2026
- Anyone interested in becoming the NEST president should reach out!

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 11th @ 11 AM at the Russ Ave 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 12:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Sims

Documents used during the meeting

None