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## Shining Rock Classical Academy

### Minutes

#### NEST Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday November 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM

##### **Location**

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

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##### **Committee Members Present**

J. Sims

##### **Committee Members Absent**

A. Adeleke

##### **Guests Present**

Ahmed Aldossary, Joan Stiles, Rachel McFalls, Samantha Stiles

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#### **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 Nov 20, 2025 at 11:05 AM.

##### **C. Approve Minutes**

J. Sims made a motion to approve the minutes from NEST Meeting on 10-16-25. The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Fundraising

### A. Current NEST Funds

~\$800

### B. Bingo

- Doors open at 5:00 PM on February 27
- ~\$400 in gift cards and vouchers donated to be prizes
- Maggie Valley Fairgrounds to volunteer their bingo machine and operator
- Prices TBD
- Rachel to try to get a food truck
- Hot chocolate?
- Need more folding tables

## III. Needs

### A. Weekly Volunteer Day

- Going well, getting enough volunteers and work for them to do
- Will continue to improve communication via ParentSquare
- Next is December 3rd

### B. ParentSquare Access

- Josh and Rachel both have the ability to send notifications on ParentSquare now
- Josh plans to send reminders
  - About NEST volunteer Wednesdays on Mondays
  - About monthly NEST meeting on the prior Monday and on the day before
- Rachel to send notifications on other matters

## IV. Celebrations

### A. Christmas Parade

- December 1
- Prepping on November 29th?
- Theme is Santa's Appalachian Toy Workshop
- Main St, Waynesville
- Rachel to ask Mr. Morgan for pencils to giveaway
- Parents can walk along with
- One teacher to ride along
- Exact procedure TBD and will be communicated ASAP

- On that note, Waynesville has historically been slow to announce lineup

## **B. Hot Chocolate**

- December 18
- NEST to help distribute hot chocolate to classrooms
- Will try to get cups & hot chocolate mix donated
- NEST has Igloo containers for warm water
- Ask Ben Weimar if this complies with federal lunch program requirements

## **V. Other Business**

### **A. NEST President**

- Rachel intends to remain through May
- Still looking for successor
- Ideal situation is to onboard successor ASAP

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A. Next Meeting**

January 15 @ 11 AM on the gym stage

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. Sims

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*