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# Liberty Elementary School

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## Assistant Principal

Ms. Gena Ertle

## Principal

Ms. Sandi Harrison

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Ms. Shannon Thomas

### School Council Minutes 10.11.23

#### Members Present:

Sandi Harrison, Principal  
Shannon Thomas, Assistant Principal  
Gena Ertle, Assistant Principal  
Kacie Garcia, Parent  
Natalie Ward, Parent  
Myriee Graham, Parent  
Mariela Perez, Parent  
Ashlyn Grummer, Instructional Lead Strategist  
Lynn DiBernardo, Special Education Teacher

#### Members Not in Attendance:

Kim Bishop, Community Partner

**Time Started:** 8:05 AM

**Time Concluded:** 10 AM

#### Introductions & School Council Training

- Members introduced themselves and their families.
- Held training session on School Council for members.

#### R.O.A.R.ing into the Start of the Year

- Six Dens, One Pride
  - Reviewed process of how dens were chosen.
  - Reviewed how we will be celebrating our students and our school.
  - Discussed partnership with Atlanta Gladiators and their participation in the Den celebrations (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter celebrations)
  - Cherokee Impact (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarter celebrations)
  - Every student will be involved in a celebration.
  - School Challenge – from quarter to quarter
- Mrs. Tracie Jordan, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was nominated as Teacher Honoree by the Atlanta Falcons!
- Student Leadership Team and SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Team at the high school) was honored by the school board
  - SALT has 31 high school students and pop into classrooms one morning/week.



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- Live Your Legacy!
  - What message/legacy do you want to leave?
  - Inaugural Legacy Breakfast – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - SALT members delivered their personal legacy messages.
- Affirmations
  - Resilient, Optimistic, Ambitious, Reflective
- Family & Freedom Night
  - Choir's first performance with new director, Christian Flesher
  - Grandparents and families attended
- Cherokee Fan of the Week – Kyle Von Schilling
- Partnership Highlights
  - Atlanta Gladiators
  - Cherokee Impact
  - Giggle Monsters
  - Northwestern Mutual
  - Shottenkirk
- PTA Events & Support
  - Success of Back to School Bash and Fun Run
  - Upcoming Trunk or Treat for October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Counseling Corner
  - Shared about who our counselors are and an overview of the meaningful work they do.
- Schoolwide Celebrations – New & Ongoing
  - iReady, Break Challenges, Positive Behavior Referrals, Honor Roll Breakfast, Den Leaders, Six Dens-One Pride Assembly
  - Ms. Garcia shared parent input regarding awards day from parents she had spoken with, and the council decided to add Awards Day to our next School Council meeting to discuss plans for the May awards based on parent feedback.
- Report card Overview
  - Different types of grading based on grade levels
- Safety & Security Overview
- CCSD Awareness Day, Friday, October 13, 2023



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- Veteran's Day Celebration – November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8am
- Reviewed lunch visitor plan & birthday treat procedures.

## Schoolwide Data Review

- Reviewed Beginning of Year Data – Math & ELA
  - Math Data: iReady
  - ELA Data: easyCBM
  - How will we support students & close existing gaps?
  - Reviewed the need for continued growth as a school in ELA and Math
  - Discussed how next meeting will be a review of Milestones data after State release of CCRPI scores.

## School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- Reviewed Liberty's School Improvement Plan
- Discussed needs of continued growth in ELA and Math
- Reviewed the action steps developed to support areas for growth
  - Differentiated Instruction and Feedback
  - Teacher-Student Relationships
  - Collective Efficacy
- Tailored around data – want to continue growing our students.
  - Goal 1: ELA Milestones will grow by 9% over next 3 years.
  - Goal 2: MATH Milestones will grow by 9% over next 3 years.

## Professional Development

- Math - New math standards, mathematical modeling, small groups, and differentiation.
- Literacy – LETRS, Growing Readers, reading & writing strategies, small groups, and differentiation.
- Continued professional development and individual coaching to support teachers with positive student behavior responses
  - Ms. Graham shared positive experience with 5<sup>th</sup> grade behavior bash.

## Qualities of a Principal

- Reviewed & updated the Leadership Qualities of A Principal document in line with the Eight Leadership Standards from the Georgia Department of Education.
- Drafted version will be sent to School Council for final review.



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### Election of Officers

- Chairperson – Kacie Garcia
- Vice-Chairperson – Natalie Ward
- Secretary – Lynn DiBernardo

### Looking Ahead

- Ms. Garcia and Ms. Harrison agreed to meet two weeks prior to the next meeting to finalize an agenda and determine documents needed for next meeting.
- Based on school council feedback, documents will be sent prior to the meeting for review to ensure all members have background information on the topics to be covered and the meeting can operate efficiently.
- Next meetings in Liberty ES Conference room @ 8AM
  - December 8, 2023
  - February 2, 2024
  - April 12, 2024



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