Little River Elementary – School Council

Meeting Minutes

February 29, 2024

I. Call to Order

Joni Adams called to order the regular meeting of the Little River Elementary School

Council at 7:34am on February 29th, at Little River Elementary School.

II. Roll Call

Joni Adams conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Joni Adams, Vickie Cater, Josh Sams, Krissy Gray, Elizabeth Noel, Kristin Winzeler, Katie Sorenson

III. Approval of Agenda

Joni Adams read the agenda. The agenda was approved as read.

IV: Multicultural Night

Ms. Adams updated the council on the school's first ever Multi Cultural Night. The evening was a success and feedback has already been received about for next year's event.

V. Pastries with Parents

Ms. Adams updated the council on the Pastries with Parents event. The event is difficult to pull off due to the support needed from staff for a total of four days. Ideas to rectify this include: hosting the event before school, hosting the event after school, turn away anyone who did not register, and send paper flyers with registration information home with students.

The staff did a great job this year keeping parents out of the classroom hallways and in the designated areas.

VI. Upcoming Event: Spring Carnival

Ms. Adams updated the council on the upcoming Spring Carnival taking place at Little River Elementary School on April 19th. A discussion of parking was had and it was determined that a shuttle system may be something to look at for next year.

VII. Curriculum Updates

Ms. Adams went over some curriculum updates:

LTRS workdays

4th and 5th Grade ELA Trainings

Teachers are being given a lot of new initiatives and not enough time to complete them. There are a lot of trainings required by the district and teachers are having to take time away from the classroom to complete them. Although this is not something the school can address directly, it was determined that there may be some benefit to communicating with parents that these exciting new trainings are occurring and are the reason behind their teachers being out of the classroom. This communication can be done by individual teachers, or possibly event school wide through the Principals weekly newsletter.

VIII. Coffee Chat with Principals

Ms. Adams updated the council on the first ever coffee chat with the principals. The event went well and parents were given a lot of good information. Attendance was not high, but virtual options are now available and will be available going forward.

Follow-up video series may include Soar for Success Updates (March?) or Dr. Morgan giving a testing update (April?).

Kindergarten orientation will be in person this year, but a thought on doing something at the beginning of the year via this video series was brought up.

IX. Fundraising Update

Ms. Adams updated the council on some updates being made due to successful fundraising:

Art Room – painting, new furniture, cabinets, and organization being updated. The goal is to complete this by the end of the year.

Fulfilled Technology for STEM and Special Education

Walking Tour of Sensory Room and Media Technology Room – Ms. Adams gave the council a tour of these two new rooms.

X. Open Discussion

Ms. Winzeler asked about changes coming due to the new Cherokee County superintendent. Ms. Adams updated the council that the new superintendent's start date is Thursday, March 7th.

Ms. Sorensen asked about updates to the district's custodian issues that were discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Adams updated the council that the district has met with them and a plan is in place to meet the needs of the school moving forward.

XII. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held at Little River Elementary on April 18th, 2024 at 7:30am. The original meeting date was changed due to a conflict.

The Little River Elementary School Council meeting adjourned at 8:32 am.

Minutes were prepared by Kristin Winzeler, Secretary.