

MINUTES

Liberty Point Elementary School Governance Council

Date | time 11/15/2023 | 5:00pm | *Location* Microsoft Teams

SGC Meeting Attendance

Principal – Tanisha Lewis	X	Parent – Lakeisha Mitchell	X
Teacher – Lauren Austin	X	Parent – Ashley Benson	X
Teacher – Amy Smith	X	Parent – Azia Webster	
Community Member – Charles Ross	X	Appointed Staff – <i>Vacancy</i>	
Community Member – Rayce Casby-Rice		Appointed Staff – <i>Vacancy</i>	
Community Member – Roderick Wyatt, Sr.	X	SGC Facilitator – Gina Foster	
Ebony White	X	Tawanda Darden	X

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Time	Item	Owner
5:07 pm	Call to Order	Miss Austin
5:08 pm	Action Item: Approve Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Approve: Mrs. Smith • Second: Ms. Benson • Voting – Unanimous 	Miss Austin
5:09 pm	Action Item: Approve October Meeting Minutes* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Approve: Smith • Second: Ms. Bension • Voting – Unanimous 	Miss Austin
5:10pm	Discussion/Action Item: SGC Roster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Approve Removal of Ms. Webster from the council: Mrs. Smith • Second: Ms. Benson • Voting – Unanimous <p>Ms. Lewis appointed two staff members: Ebony White and Tawanda Darden. Ms. Lewis will work to select a community member before our next meeting.</p>	Miss Austin
5:12pm	Discussion/ Action Item: Approve Safety Proposal Purchase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis shared that our school had a safety audit done. The district will provide security because it was determined that we could use extra security at certain times of the day. We do not need to vote to use charter dollars for security. 	Team Members
5:15pm	Discussion/ Action Item: STARS Signage & Matrices Purchase	Ms. Lewis

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council discussed and decided that the \$1999 package was the best option for our school. Ms. Lewis shared that Ms. Griggs is getting an estimate from another company that would also include wraps for the front office. We will compare prices and vote at our next meeting. 	
5:20 pm	<p>Action Item: Approve Charter Funds for Beta Club (10 Cardigans)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to Approve: Mrs. Smith Second: Mr. Ross Voting: Unanimous 	All Members
5:22 pm	<p>Action Item: Approve Charter Funds for PBIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Lewis shared the need to make PBIS items more appealing to students in grades 3-5. Council members were asked for suggestions. Mrs. Smith suggested asking the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers for suggestions as well. Ms. Lewis stated that she will request input from teachers in the school newsletter. 	Miss Austin
5:26 pm	<p>Discussion Item: Fall Cross Council Meeting Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Smith shared that she learned that the SGC at other schools are very involved in school events. They use charter dollars to help engage families by doing things like hosting a Bingo Night (provide prizes) in conjunction with Technology Night or Fall Festival with Literacy Night. Families received tickets to go to the Fall Festival after completing stations at Literacy Night. Austin shared that she was impressed with some things they did to welcome parents into the building. One school had “Bring your Parent to Word Day and some schools shared how they used charter dollars to create an inviting space for parents to receive resources. Mrs. Smith and Ms. Austin were both impressed with how the schools and SGC worked together on school initiatives. Ms. Austin also proposed having an SGC “Chat and Chew” to improve teacher involvement and understanding of SGC. It was decided that Mrs. Smith and Ms. Austin would host a “Chat and Chew” on Friday, January 12 in order to have conversations with teachers about incentives that they would like to see and get their suggestions for how charter dollars are spent. Mr. Ross stated that APEC may provide food for the “Chat and Chew.” 	All Members
5:40	<p>Discussion / Action Item: SGC Council Initiative Proposals and Charter Dollar Expenditures</p> <p>Ms. Lewis recommended the purchase of an interactive playground for the gym. She stated that Jody Fleming, Director of Physical Education, informed her that the district is willing to split the cost, which is \$22,000. Liberty Point will be responsible for paying \$10,226.08.. The council decided to vote on the interactive playground with the understanding that approval could be revoked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to Approve: Mitchell Second: Benson Voting: Unanimous <p>The council will seek to hear from a representative and other schools.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Lewis informed the council about how Renaissance Elementary is planning to use charter dollars to pay teachers to host school clubs. She stated that some teachers have expressed interest. The council discussed using charter dollars to also pay for a sweeps bus so that bus riders are not excluded due to transportation. Ms. Lewis will poll teachers to gauge interests before council moves to vote to use charter dollars for this purpose.</p> <p>Mr. Wyatt suggested a mentoring club (Boys to Men) for 4th and 5th grade boys to help them develop more appropriate behaviors.</p>	
6:20 pm	<p>Informational Item: Principal's Update</p> <p>A. Data Review: Ms. Lewis shared that our data is looking really good, especially in the areas of phonemic awareness and phonics. There are some concerns with the students who are in</p> <p>B. Staffing: All teaching positions are filled. Ms. Keisha Johnson has been added to third grade. LPES still has a CST position available; interviews will be held the week after Thanksgiving break.</p> <p>C. Upcoming School Events: Thanksgiving break, Winter Break, Staff Celebration</p> <p>D. Budget Deadline: Ms. Lewis stated that budget updates will be presented as the next meeting. Ms. Austin reminded the council that charter dollars must be spent by April.</p>	
6:33 pm	<p>Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a community member to the council. • Purchase color printers for staff and media center (3) • Interactive Playground for the gym • Using charter dollars to pay teachers to sponsor clubs • PBIS Items for grades 3-5 	
6:42 pm	<p>Action Item: Meeting Adjournment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Mrs. Smith • Second: Ms. Darden • Voting: Unanimous 	

*Pending resolution of ongoing access issue

Meeting Norms

Silence Phones | Come Prepared | Be Respectful of Others' Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students |