Little River Elementary – School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024

I. Call to Order

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

Council at 7:38 am on April 18th, 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, and Katie Murphy

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV: Meeting Minutes

Ms. Cater made the motion to approve the minutes from December 7th, 2023 and February 29th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sams and passed unanimously.

V. School Updates

Ms. Adams told the council about the recent school updates. The art room was recently painted and benches ordered for around the school. She mentioned staffing updates and that the parent request for teachers would be digital this year and out soon. The head custodian is now a county employee and the custodian team will be fully onboarded next week. Awards Day is changing for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades this year. 4th Grade changes may also occur. Kindergarten and 5th Grade will continue to have their celebrations. Each class/grade level will coordinate their own End of Year celebration.

VI. Superintendent and School Board Visit

Ms. Adams updated the council on two recent visits from the new Cherokee County Schools Superintendent. She was joined by the school board on the second visit.

VII. Parent Engagement Ideas

Ms. Adams asked the council to brainstorm engagement ideas. Current ideas include having guest speakers (possibly at PTA meetings). She also asked for feedback on parent communications and it was discussed that Parent Square is a good way to communicate with parents. Coffee Chat with the Principal was also discussed. The first earlier in the school year was in person and the following ones were virtual. The plan is to hold the first next year in person as well. Ms. Cater suggested focusing on Canvas.

VIII. Student Leadership Opportunities

Ms. Adams updated the council on student leadership opportunities including SOAR Ambassadors, Student Council, Safety Patrol, and Jr. Beta Club. A new leadership opportunity coming later this year is a school newspaper called The Current. This new initiatives was initiated and has been student-led. Ms. Adams also talked about Clubs that take place after school.

IX. School Safety Update

Ms. Adams went through school safety procedures. She mentioned the school does not have a full-time resource officer like most elementary schools. The school will be moving to a new system called Centegix before the end of the school year. The school follows all mandated reporting requirements, training procedures, and safe schools curriculum. Ms. Adams also went through the process for school threats.

X. Special Education Overview

Special Guest Special Education Teacher, Katie Murphy, went through the school's IEP process and intervention tiers.

XI. Open Agenda

No items were brought from the floor.

XII. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held at Little River Elementary during the next school year. Two parent volunteers will be replaced due to term limits. The other council members will return for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Little River Elementary School Council meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.

Minutes were prepared by Kristin Winzeler, Secretary.