Corley Elementary School and Organization Meeting: 2.3.2025

Members Present:

➢ Mrs. Duckworth–Principal, Corley Elementary

➢ Certified Teacher, Ms. Dominique Stateman, Corley Elementary

➢ Gifted Contact, Ms. Leejay, Corley Elementary

- School Counselor, Ms. Lewis, Corley Elementary
- Certified Teacher, Ms. Lary, Corley Elementary
- EIP Lead/ESOL Lead, Mrs. Stephens, Corley Elementary

➢ Gretel Gillen de Mari-Parent

➢ Silvestre Perez-Parent

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by the school building Principal-Mrs. Aleshia Duckworth at 9:01 AM.

Introductions

➢ Mrs. Duckworth requested that all participants introduce themselves to ensure the importance of position and participation for today's School Council Meeting.

Mrs. Duckworth communicated how she prepared Corley's front office staff on the special procedures and process if an "ICE" representative were to seek entry within the school building. The emphasis of safety and security has been communicated the priority. Mrs. Duckworth has been in close communication with the county and area superintendent about this matter. All information will come directly from the Superintendent Office. School Attendance for today was discussed due to the local community "Strike". The focus on safety of the staff, students, and parents within the school community was reiterated by Mrs. Duckworth. Mr. Perez explained that one of the reasons for the "Strike" is to let officials know that the community is aware of what's currently happening with immigration policy and handlings.

School Council Meetings

➢ Mrs. Duckworth discussed the previous dates of the School Council Meetings and specifically spoke about the last School Council meeting at Berkmar High School (11.14.24). Parent attendance appeared to be low, and the discussion of time and weather were explained as reasons from Mrs. Gillen de Mari and Mr. Perez. Mrs. Duckworth replied with an appreciation for the two members providing feedback on why possibly parent attendance was low at the last School Council Meeting.

Presentation

Local School Council Meeting components via ppt. "Corley Elementary: Local School Council Meeting, February 3, 2025" and each council member had a hard copy of the document.

- **Portrait of a Graduate**
  Mrs. Duckworth discussed the highlights on Corley's adopted program-**Portrait of a Graduate**. She stated that Corley will continue this partnership with Berkmar High School.

- **Enrollment Information**
  Ms. Duckworth reviewed the enrollment information by presenting data from "**Student Race/Ethnicity**" and "**Student Progress**". Mrs. Duckworth stated that collectively the data reflects our student population is growing, and we are ensuring staffing is in place to support these increasing numbers. The data shows our student majority is Hispanic students; future projections on this demographic of students is expected to increase. Student Programs such as Free & Reduced, Gifted, ML, and Special Ed were discussed from 2023-2025.

- **LSPI Goal Update**
  Mrs. Duckworth discussed the school wide focus of small group implementation as it correlates directly to Corley's LSPI. She further explained the purpose of teacher release days in a full day format and the opportunity it provides for teachers to plan for student success. Mrs. Duckworth explained the morning **Newcomer Class** being a new implementation this school year and the benefits it has been providing. Mrs. Duckworth discussed the Newcomer Professional Learning for Staff and ESOL support schedule to explain these are happenings to strategically support the needs of our population of students.

- **Discipline Information**
  Mrs. Duckworth reviewed the discipline data presented: **Major Incidents By Grade Level** and **Major Incidents By Violation**; 4th-classroom; 2nd-playground. Mrs. Duckworth focused on prioritizing parent communication to reduce incidents. In addition, the discussion of students' misuse of technology was mentioned by Mrs. Duckworth as another area of disciplinary focus too.

- **2024-2025 Gifted Updates!**
  Ms. Leejay is the Gifted Contact and led the discussion on **Gifted Updates**. Ms. Leejay highlighted Corley's current gifted population of 2024-2025 by semesters: 1st semester-27 referrals; 2nd semester-20 referrals. The distribution of Gifted Students at Corley Elementary was discussed from grade levels K-5 and there are a total of 84 students.

Currently, there are 26 students in the process. Ms. Leejay moved onto **Gifted News**. According to projection, the gifted population at Corley Elementary is expected to reach or exceed 100 students in the gifted program. Ms. Leejay included updates on the **National Beta Club** which included descripted highlights and photographs. The **Induction Program** is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 11. Ms. Leejay highlighted the Spelling Bee winner and runner-up. Ms. Leejay discussed the topic: **What's New in Gifted.** She mentioned the **Math Critical Thinking Enrichment Segments** are now provided to grades 3-5. These segments have students participate in extension tasks, projects, and collaborative learning that enhances problem-solving skills and mathematical reasoning. **Enrichment ELT** is now offered for students in grades K-5. This enrichment opportunity is extended to gifted students and our high achievers at Corley Elementary. This program enhances academic success across grade levels through project-based learning and AKS extensions.
Mr. Perez inquired about additional homework for his daughter who is in the gifted program and stated that her and all students need to be challenged more at home.

- **Multilingual Learners Support**

Mrs. Stephens discussed **Multilingual Learners Support** and presented a photo of the ESOL team. Mrs. Stephen stated that historically, ESOL services were provided in reading and some in math, but currently support is provided also in other content areas. This support is a more comprehensible approach. It allows translanguaging some content and use of home language as an anchor to learn. The collaboration with classroom teachers, work modification, and constant adjustments to connect with learning are some of the focuses with support. Mrs. Stephens highlighted our current Parent Instructional Support Coordinator- Mrs. Elliott as being the "bridge" between parent and ESOL support. Mrs. Elliott's role in the **Parent Center Newcomers Program** utilized in the morning and **Ready, Set, Soar** (district pilot) has been impactful. Mrs. Stephens stated that the district will seek upcoming feedback on the pilot. Currently, students are completing Access Testing. Mrs. Stephens defined the acronyms for Access which is "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners". She stated that Access is a test used to gauge language acquisition skills and progression of English. She explained that when students are being enrolled at school and the parent marks another language spoken at home other than English, the student is screened for language service. Mrs. Stephens stated the Access testing window ends on 2.27.25. Mr. Perez asked when students are ready for English class. Mrs. Stephens explained the entry and exit process for ESOL support. She stated there is a reclassification meeting conducted to discuss on whether to continue ESOL services or to discontinue services. The reclassification meeting is initiated based on exiting Access scores. She stated that historically when an ESOL student exits it is in between grades 3-4. However, due to an increase of Newcomers enrolling at Corley, the exiting grade levels are higher now because language acquisition takes time. Mr. Perez inquired if a parent could request for his/her child to not receive ESOL support. Mrs. Stephens explained the waiver process and emphasized how the discontinuation of ESOL services would take

away language support and testing accommodations. It is advised to the parent to determine the pros and cons of ESOL support for his/her child.

- **Instructional Leadership Team**

  Mrs. Duckworth defined the importance on the role of the ILT. She proceeded to present snapshots of the team analyzing small group strategies in K-5 from a previous ILT meeting. Mrs. Duckworth stated the next ILT was scheduled for tomorrow, February 4, 2025.

  Events

  Mrs. Duckworth presented photos of events happening this school year starting with the month of July at Open House. The showcase of monthly events continued for each month up until January. Mrs. Duckworth discussed her pride on how well the Fine Arts Department is flourishing due to roles and work of staff members. She also mentioned the current grant from Disney which has allowed the school to operate with a wider scale of rights that accompany access opportunities.

- **Data Updates**

  Mrs. Duckworth reviewed and connected the LSPI goals to the I-Ready data. She discussed how the **Reading BOY/MOY** helped define small group intervention aligned with AKS. She expressed how the red shading on the placement data lines indicates the areas for support. Mrs. Duckworth expressed that more math support is being provided due to the results from I-Ready data. Mrs. Duckworth is in constant contact with the instructional coaches to ensure the needs of support in the classrooms are being met.

- **Upcoming Events**

Mrs. Duckworth presented the upcoming events in the months of February-March. She highlighted the following: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day in April, Parent Teacher Conferences in March, and Black History Month in February. Ms. Duckworth mentioned the schedule adjustments due to the previous Inclement Weather Days in January. Mrs. Duckworth discussed International Night and how a close partnership with the Parent Instructional Support Coordinator- Mrs. Elliott will take place to ensure community involvement. Mrs. Duckworth stated that the last School Council Meeting will be held March 8th via zoom.

- **Questions**

  Mrs. Duckworth opened the discussion to the members for questions or comments related to the topics of today's meeting.

Mr. Perez commented on the robotics team going to state and requested that Mr. Huttinga receive more support. The School Council members agreed, and Mrs. Duckworth reassured Mr. Perez that Mr. Huttingua would receive well-deserved support.
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Meeting adjourned at 9:43A.M. by Mrs. Duckworth.

Scheduled Council Meetings

Date	Time	Location
September 9, 2024	9:00AM-10:00AM	Corley Elementary
November 14, 2024	8:00AM-9:00AM	Berkmar High School
February 3, 2025	9:00AM-10:00AM	Corley Elementary
May 12, 2025	9:00AM-10:00AM	Corley Elementary