Cherokee County School District

School Council Meeting
Agenda

Little River Elementary

2-25-25 | LRES |7:15 AM

Joni Adams Principal |Meghan Benson, Chair | Jamal Winfield, Vice Chair | Kristin Winzeler, Secretary

- Katie Sorensen, Board Member, Present
- Betsy Davis, Board Member, Present
- Vickie Cater, Board Member, Present
- Josh Sams, Board Member, Present

7:15am Call to Order

1. Agenda Review: Joni Adams conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Joni Adams, Vickie Cater, Josh Sams, Meghan Benson, Jamal Winfield, Katie Sorensen, Betsy Davis, Kristin Winzeler, and Beth Buffkin.

2. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the agenda and all members voted to adopt the agenda.

Agenda Items

a. Pastries with Parents Debrief

Ms. Adams updated the council on a follow-up meeting with the school's PTA following the Pastries with Parents event. Although the event went better than previous years, the school and its partners are brainstorming for ways to improve the safety and efficiency of the event.

Ideas include: continue to require pre-registration as that was less disruptive on the day of the events, grade-level day, start earlier, end earlier, have a defined end time, parents come in the set of doors between the gym and cafeteria, more signage/directions outside and inside the school, specific e-mail for parents to send questions to on all communication (less questions to teachers), 2 per household limit, more clear sign-up procedures when parents have multiple kids at the school.

b. School Safety Update

Ms. Adams and Officer Buffkin announced Officer Buffkin will now only rotate between two schools instead of the previous three. This is very positive and will enhance Officer Buffkin's presence at the school.

Ms. Adams notified the council of a new process that has been put in place that will only allow Administrators to allow entry to people in other doors outside the front office. Admin believes processes and people are imperative to staying safe and ask staff and parents to report (over-report) anything they see or hear.

A priority for the school is getting more cameras on the premises. Currently, there is a lack of cameras in key areas, included but not limited to, the annex building.

c. Staff Allotments/Hiring

Ms. Adams received the school's allotments and is expecting little turnover (certainly less than last year). She is encouraged and positive with the district's priorities and will receive contracts/budgets in March.

d. Coffee & Conversations with the Superintendent

Cherokee County Superintendent is hosting another conversation and has invited school partners, councils, and PTAs to attend. The school council requested we be notified of any priorities or requests we should be advocating for during these types of events/meetings. It is important to have a unified message from the school.

e. Coffee & Conversations Video Series

Admin has been working on several videos and is ready to disperse when the timing is best.

f. Open Forum

Ms. Adams reminded the council that Field Day has been moved to March due to the business in May.

Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held at Little River Elementary on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30am.

The Little River Elementary School Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 am.

Minutes were prepared by Kristin Winzeler, Secretary.

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