Cherokee County School District

School Council Meeting
Agenda

Little River Elementary

4-15-25 | 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

7:18am Call to Order

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

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

Agenda Items

a. Budget Updates

Ms. Adams reviewed the budget at a glance. The budget will be approved at the school board meeting on Thursday night. Increased budget will allow more funds to be used for art, stem, and tech projects. Teachers will also get more classroom expenses reimbursed during pre-planning.

b. School Improvements

Ms. Adams went through the upcoming school improvements which include:

- Adding more items to the staff wellness room in the annex and potentially providing a wellness room in the main building.
- Track – problem with mud surrounding the new track. Soccer is going to spread hay/seed and a temporary walking platform to the track from the annex side doors will be added so students do not track mud. Considering new fencing/backstop.
- Painting the Just Right Room black.

c. Hiring Updates

Ms. Adams reviewed the school staffing updates.

Two classes have teachers looping classes. One from Kindergarten to 1st and one from 2nd to 3rd. 3rd grade will start to compartmentalize next year. This usually starts in 4th grade. The looping classroom will not compartmentalize for 3rd grade.

Hiring 3 certified positions. New para hire, a 3rd grade teacher, and 5th grade teacher.

Classified staff – will need to hire additional paraprofessionals.

Superintendent is focused on lowering class sizes in 4th and 5th grades.

Three teachers retiring. The school will hold a small celebration and the district will also have a ceremony.

d. Curriculum Updates

New curriculum updates for math and ELA. Materials will be delivered straight to schools which will allow them to arrive faster so the teachers can review over the summer. Future training opportunities will also be available.

New ELA standards have been previewed and mostly positive feedback has been provided.

e. Open Agenda

Nominations will open for next year's school council prior to the new school year. 2 new parent volunteers and 2 new teachers will be needed.

Video series will begin in Fall 2025.

f. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be scheduled in Fall 2025.

The Little River Elementary School Council meeting adjourned at 7:52 am.

Minutes were prepared by Kristin Winzeler, Secretary.

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