

# School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes

**April 29, 2025 @ 5:00pm**

- I. Call to Order – 5:16 pm – Mrs. Goodwin
- II. Welcome – Mrs. Goodwin
- III. Review and Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Mrs. Goodwin
  - i. Motion moved to approve agenda – Mrs. Anderson-Miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Major Goodwin.
- IV. Principal's Report – Dr. Leach
  - i. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report - ended 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 week, we're in our 4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks
  - ii. Progress Reports Distributed - reports went out with attendance.
  - iii. Attendance Data - We're continuing to work on making sure our students are meeting their seat time through our after-school seat time as well as Saturday seat time. To make sure that we have the percentage of our attendance.
  - iv. Academic Data - We had several students who did very well academically. We did have an honor roll and perfect attendance ceremony held for our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades. We will do an end of year ceremony as well. 59 students below grade level
  - v. Behavior Data – Comparison of our discipline, 2023, the office referrals and minor were very high compared to now. We are way below this year compared to previous years with the student disciplines of 800 minors and 447 office referrals. These are the top referrals that we have refused to obey, being the highest 16% of our students, 19 students. This is our discipline by grade levels, 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 95 students, 44 students, 178 incidents, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 161, 11<sup>th</sup> - 84, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade - 61.
  - vi. Reading/Math Data - January through April, we've had 78% in actually engaging in the IXL program with the which is a strong level of instructional integration across the classrooms. Our student

proficiency we have, we're achieving at an average of point 3 skills proficient per student per week. The gap suggests the need to reassess strategies for student motivation, assignment, frequency, or the alignment of IXL skills with classroom instruction. We did a benchmark in January. We did another one in March, and it increased from 522. The score was 522 to 535, which is where our students stand now in their math ability level. So we went up 13 points, which is good. Our awards homeroom with the most read is Ferguson's homeroom. Mr. Ferguson, Miss Young and Ms. Hamilton-Pierce are leading with the most words. Our student, Richard Harrison went from 2.2, which is a second grade level to 11.3, which that's a true indication. Malachi Hayward went from 7.5, which is a 7 level to a 13 plus, which is above high school level. So, he had 5.5 levels of growth which is outstanding in reading.

V. Old Business – Dr. Leach

- a. School Renewal Plan - The School Renewal Plan was submitted. We went with suggestions that were given for faculty staff as well as any parents that gave input teachers and students. Once everything goes through, we will make sure we start communicating the goals that we're looking forward to actually accomplishing next year.
- b. ECHO - The former student panel as well as our enrollment. A parent brought that up to us in one of our 1st meetings about having students from the early college experience to come and speak, and us having a panel. I had a parent who said they were going to have their child reach out to be able to come back, but he never got in touch with me. We tried to get Quincy Fields, but was never able to get in contact with him because of his schedule. So, we're still looking for any former Whale Branch Early College High School grads who are willing to come back and talk to our students about going through the early college experience through TCL.

- c. School Murals - I met with Pastor Moore, Mr. Campbell, and we talked about where we could add some early college images. We talked about possibly contacting some local people who would be able to do some images.

VI. New Business – Dr. Leach

- a. Senior Activities – Senior Week – Students came up with activities starting Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with the Senior Walk at the middle school, then go to the elementary school, and then to Davis. That morning at 9, we will have the passing of the mantle program. Then, they will leave from there to go to Red Rooster for their brunch from 11:30 to 1:30. Then, Tuesday we have the senior breakfast and bowling. They were working with Major Goodwin about going on base. The senior sunset is on the 21<sup>st</sup> where they stay after school. I emphasize to make sure that they don't do anything that would exclude some of the seniors. They will have a DJ and lawn dining where they can get with their friends, come with their own sandwiches or snacks and watch the sunset. They will have paint war on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and senior cookout on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- b. Graduation – mandatory graduation practices May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Seniors exams on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Graduation is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.
- c. Summer School – will be 3 wks in June with one holiday, Juneteenth. We will be notifying students as we continue to plan and finalize for summer school, and we'll send information to parents.

- VII. Athletic Report - We're in process of updating our waiting room equipment to be equitable for all. Met with Mr. Cole about the speaker system at the field. Speakers in the gym need to be updated as well. Varsity softball record wasn't very good, 2 and 15, one and 9 in the region, 2 and 15 overall

baseball varsity 3 and 14 overall, with one game remaining and 2 and 8 in the region. Boys Soccer, which is co-ed. We have a varsity record of 4, 11 and one overall and 2 out of 5, 2 and 5 in the region, with one game remaining, getting ready for playoffs. Track and field meet on tomorrow at 2 o'clock district qualifying meet is May 10th Woodland High School, and we hope to have a big group qualifying for State meet. State championship is May 16th at 5 o'clock at Spring Valley High School. Coaching updates: we're in need of the following positions, a head girls tennis coach in the fall, and assistant football coach in the fall, head cross country coach in the fall, head varsity coach for softball in the spring, and an assistant basketball coach in the winter. Warrior gear online at BSN sideline store. You can find the link on our website and social media page, which is listed on our website. Spirit t-shirts on sale for \$20 at each home event. The athletic Awards Night is Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

#### VIII. Title 1 Overview – Dr. Leach

- i. Budget Report – We still have money left over for next year.
- ii. School Renewal Plan Review - We created goals based on reading and math. And everything was tied to helping our students achieve academically as well as we did for climate.
- iii. Community Event – Ms. Holmes – Spring Into Good Health Collaborative Event with the elementary and middle school was successful. Parents completed surveys, baskets donated, face painting, blood pressure check, MedTech 7, Garden Club, egg hunt.

#### IX. Upcoming Events – Dr. Leach

- i. Testing – Exams coming up
- ii. Award Ceremonies – Award Ceremony is coming up too.

X. MedTech 7 Program Overview – DR. Lakeisha Brantley – We are becoming a STEM school next year. We did not have some outside resources that is partnering with us to help our teachers so that we can implement it next year. They've been working with us on stem lessons. Email was sent parents for the Medtech Survey, but the responses were very low. We need the community support, because a lot of the grant money that we do get is contingent upon based on community support as well.

XI. Questions, Comments, Concerns

a. Our lunch room manager is here and as a parent. Mrs. Garcia stated one meal per student is free, and they can purchase an additional meal. We encourage the students to get as much as they can as much as they want, much as they need to be. Trying to turn around how lunch was last year. Our participation, unfortunately, is very low. For breakfast, only serve around between 80 and 90 students. Lunch, only serve about 250 to 270. I'm not quite sure what our enrollment is, but that's pretty low for us. A survey will be done to get feedback on lunch. I hold events for the Nutrition group, which is a company that does the food for the cafeteria.

b. Teacher Appreciation week – May 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - full week of special treats planned each day next week. We're calling it Education Appreciation week to where each person where each group will be recognized: nurse, counselors, testing coordinator, custodians, bus drivers, data person, and everyone else.

c. School Improvement Report to the Parents – Dr. Leach - has been completed with accomplishments and photos included.

d. Spring Annual Meeting – Mrs. Anderson-Miles – 2<sup>nd</sup> wk in May on a Tuesday

XII. Adjournment – Mrs. Goodwin – 5:50pm

Zoom Attendance: C. Lawton, Kristal Graham, Evelin Leija, & Karen Williams