Cherokee County School District

Little River Elementary
School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE	Thursday, September 18, 2025
TIME	7:15am
LOCATION	Little River Conference Room
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS	Dr. Joni Adams, Principal Christina Behne, Teacher Candida McClairen, Teacher Lizzie Baker, Parent Meghan Benson, Parent Meredith Combs, Parent Jamal Winfield, Parent Betsy Davis, Parent (absent)

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Dr. Joni Adams at 7:19am.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Agenda approved by school council members in attendance.
2. **Old Business**
    a. In an effort to better communicate informally with parents, the 2024-2025 School Council proposed a video series. Mrs. Bass is leading this initiative, currently titled “The Flight”, which will highlight topics such as safety, staff, community partners, etc. The shell has been created and Dr. Adams is waiting for eight videos to be produced before launching. The goal is for this to be a consistent communication tool, posted at the same time each week (ex. 10am on Mondays).
3. **New Business**
    a. **Approval of Minutes**
        i. Moving forward, the Secretary will send minutes to Dr. Adams for approval, who will then send to Mrs. Westerlind to post online for public access.
    b. **School Council Training and PowerPoint**
        i. Dr. Adams distributed the School Council Training and PowerPoint. All members are to review in their own time before the next meeting.
    c. **School Council Officers**
        i. The following have been approved as the 2025-2026 School Council Officers:
            1. Meghan Benson, Chair
            2. Jamal Winfield, Vice Chair
            3. Lizzie Baker, Secretary

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d. **Review of Leadership Qualities of a Principal**
    i. After a brief discussion amongst the group during the meeting, Dr. Adams will send out the form to all members to review and submit feedback. See 'ACTION ITEMS' below.
e. **Start to School Year: Meet & Greet, Curriculum Night, Grandparents Day**
    i. Positive feedback on Meet & Greet and Grandparents Day
    ii. Feedback on Curriculum Night
        1. There seems to be a growing frustration among parents: timing is hard, interferes with football/cheer schedules, too late in the school year, lack of childcare, not being able to attend multiple classes in the one offered time frame.
        2. Many parents that do attend are there as an act of respect for the teachers' time.
        3. Solutions discussed
            a. One night with two sessions, giving parents an opportunity to go to two different classrooms.
            b. Virtual - would there be a way to track participation?
            c. Childcare available - Movie in the library? Games in the gym?
        4. CCSD picks the week of Curriculum Night, it is not up to the individual schools. Title I schools have to have data to review prior to Curriculum Night, which is why it's so late in the school year.
f. **School Improvement Plan Presentation**
    i. Moved to next meeting's agenda

ACTION ITEMS
All school council members to review Leadership Qualities of a Principal and send feedback to Lizzie Baker (ebaker115@gmail.com) by Monday, September 29th at 3:00pm. Lizzie will compile feedback and send to Dr. Adams on October 1st.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7:15am in the Little River Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned by Dr. Joni Adams at 8:06am.