School Improvement Team

The goals of our School Leadership Team will be:

1) To facilitate the involvement of our parents, school community, and teachers in the development of the School Improvement Plan
2) Encourage and create opportunities for involvement within the school for our parents/community
3) Continuously monitor the effectiveness of the School Improvement Plan and make amendments as needed based on data
4) Review policies and procedures that enhance the safety of students and school

Date: **November 20, 8:15AM**

Note Taker: Smith
Timer: Cooper

Members:

Parents

Jessica Hightower	*Carolyn Semach*	*Saparbek Amanbaev*
Jay Dy	*Shakia Simmons*	

Instructional Staff

Anne Cooper	*Kristen Thomas*	*Katherine Kil*	*Helen Dendinger*	*Michelle Truesdell*

Teacher Assistant

Julie Gibbons

Administrative Team

Jigna Patel	Temika Smith

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
Our 2025-2026 schedule is as follows:

8:15- 8:45 in the Media Center

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Thursday, June 4, 2026

I. Good Things- Parents and staff shared good things. Patel received an email from the Assistant Superintendent of Forsyth County Schools asking about what we did here to show our amazing growth. They reviewed the state data and were impressed to see the growth results that we made in the 24-25 school year. They asked us to share some ideas on practices that we implemented that helped us to realize these results to help a school with similar historical data that has not been growing the way they would like too.

Culture-

A. Bear Leader Lunch- Ruby Sunshine is the sponsor and will donate their own food- November 24th
B. Bears Ceremony- Students and parents gave very positive feedback about classroom activities. It is noted that there was a decrease in attendance from last year. The BEARS Ceremonies are planned around the end of the quarter.Things to consider for next year- November had a lot of days off.
C. Action Teams-
Academics- 3rd-5th grade students are currently taking MVPA's- Mastery View Predictive Assessments. The data will be used to support adjusting small groups and instruction.
Student Lighthouse- Students will clean up trash from outside. Will do grade level performance for leadership day.
Culture- Sent out for teacher support. Discussing with the music teacher about talent shows/performances. Countries will be sent from teachers soon. Parent sign up will be sent in December and January. No food in the media center- only set up and board. $500 for multicultural day from PTA.
Recycling Club- Green team- trying to start a new habit. Working on forming a committee. Marketing/Communication for posters, going on news talking about green facts, decorate dump buckets; Green machine- recycling cart. Students will be trained on how to dump what's left and use the cart and tracking clean plate club. Teacher's classroom bins will be collected on Fridays- 8:45-9:00.
In December- first week parents will walk through the cafeteria, then will go into 5th grade and trickle down to other grade levels.
Food Drive Results- We collected an incredible **1,978 food items** to support the food pantries of Light of Christ Church and Ballantyne Families Helping Neighbors in Need!
Kindergarten: 203

1st Grade: 🥇 590

2nd Grade: 🥇 466

3rd Grade: 283

4th Grade: 322

5th Grade: 114

TOTAL: 1,978 💖💪🎉

Socktober Results- we collected a total of 1,684 pairs of socks for those in need.

Kindergarten Ms. Shelton 74 pairs

1st Grade Mrs. Buskey 76 pairs

2nd Grade Mrs. Woodcook 107 pairs

3rd Grade Ms. Warter 68 pairs

4th Grade Mrs. Powell 74 pairs

5th Grade and Leading class- Mrs. Dendinger with 370 pairs

Safety- Looking at safety measures with arrival and dismissal. 4th & 5th graders are parking their bikes up front.
Starting on Monday, our secretaries will ask the following questions when entering the building. This will serve as another safety measure for parents and community members entering our building.

1. What is your full name
2. What is your reason for visiting Ballantyne Elementary
3. Can you tell me the grade and classroom teacher of your child

Behavior- The grade level classes that had the most Bear Paws have received their monthly rewards for October. Counselors will do cumulative counts of bear paws at the end of each month to see which class has earned the most for the month.
Golden Bear Paws are ONLY reserved for the end of the year (March, April, May - EOY) so we can end the year strong.
Blue Bear Paws = 1 point
Purple Bear Paws = 5 points (only passed out in the cafeteria)

Academics

D. Review of current school wide data. Partnership with DOT consulting.
E. One on one data meetings with 3rd-5th in December
F. K-2 one on one data meeting in K-2 after DIBELS assessment

Leadership

G. School Improvement Plan- Review of progress for the 25-26 school year

Title IX-

2025-2026 SLT Title IX Slides Quarter 1

Counselors are continuing to do classroom lessons based on the needs of individual classes.