

Taylor County Intermediate School Site-Based Decision-Making Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 15, 2025
Place: Taylor Co. Intermediate School Library
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Members Present: Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Principal/Chair
Saelim Henderson, Parent
Shelby Hinton, Teacher
Eric Quinn, Teacher
Jade Sanders, Teacher
Lauren Smoot Cox, Parent

01.0 OPENING BUSINESS

- 01.1 Agenda. Shelby Hinton made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Lauren Cox. Council approved (unanimous).
- 01.2 Minutes Approval. Motion to approve the minutes of monthly meeting of November 17, 2025 was made by Lauren Cox, seconded by Shelby Hinton. Council approved (unanimous).
- 01.3 Public Comment.
None.

02.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 02.1 Good News Report
 - 02.1.1 Mrs. Fitzpatrick reviewed the 2024-2025 KSA test results with the Council. The school's overall score in all testing areas averaged to a combined 75.6%. This is a significant increase over the previous year's results. The state overall expected average is 66%. These results placed our school in a "Green" rating which is next to the highest rating available. The highest rating: 'Blue' is for schools with an average of 83.0% or greater.
 - 02.1.2 Mrs. Fitzpatrick reported TCIS has an average attendance of 96% for the 1st nine-week grading period.
 - 02.1.3 Mrs. Fitzpatrick informed the Council that the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser has ended with a profit slightly over \$12,000.00. These funds will be used in areas including student math resources, playground equipment updates and student supplies.
 - 02.1.4 Mrs. Fitzpatrick indicated a good response in student work had been received following the first NTI day for our district on December 2, 2025.
 - 02.1.5 Mrs. Fitzpatrick gave an update on the TCIS Student Council elections. The students are very excited for this opportunity and have been eager to participate and run for an office position. Approximately 60 students (3rd through 5th grades) have applied for office positions in their respective grades. Tuesday, December 16th speeches will be presented by grade levels to their peers.
- 02.2 Building Activities/Events
 - 02.2.1 Mrs. Fitzpatrick reported a great response was shown at the 'Cardinal Christmas' event held on December 11th with many students and parents in attendance.
 - 02.2.2 Mrs. Fitzpatrick invited everyone to attend the Cardinal Chorus Christmas Play scheduled for December 16th. It will be held in the TCIS gym. Both chorus programs have combined for this event.

03.0 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING REPORT

- 03.1 Phase 2: Needs Assessment for 2025-2026 was reviewed with the Council. Mrs. Fitzpatrick was able to include the 2024-2025 KSA test scores in the document. Math and Reading continue to be the main points of planning and daily implementation.
- 03.2 The Council reviewed the entire Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP).

04.0 BUDGET REPORT

- 04.1 The Council reviewed the November 2025 report for Section 6 funds. Motion to approve this report made by Saelim Henderson. Motion seconded by Jade Sanders. Council approved (unanimous).

05.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

06.0 BYLAW OR POLICY REPORT OR REVIEW

- 06.1 The Council reviewed the current Alignment with State Standards Policy. After discussion with revisions Saelim Henderson made a motion to approve the policy with revisions and to consider this its first reading. A copy of the revised policy is attached and becomes a part of these minutes. Motion seconded by Jade Sanders. Council approved (unanimous).
- 06.2 The Council reviewed the current Committees Policy. After discussion with revisions Jade Sanders made a motion to approve the policy with revisions and to consider this its first reading. A copy of the revised policy is attached and becomes a part of these minutes. Motion seconded by Shelby Hinton. Council approved (unanimous).

07.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 07.1 Mrs. Fitzpatrick presented a fundraiser request to conduct a chocolate fundraiser in February 2026. This will be with World's Finest Chocolate but will be slightly different from previous chocolate sales. All students will be given the opportunity to sell a \$5.00 box of assorted chocolate treats. This fundraiser will be conducted February 2, 2026 through February 6, 2026 with the incentive day scheduled for March 19, 2026. Profits from this fundraiser will be used for math resources, updated playground equipment and student supplies. A promotion is being conducted to encourage this fundraiser with the owner guaranteeing a minimum profit equal to that made in the spring of 2025. Lauren Cox made a motion to approve this request. Motion seconded by Eric Quinn. Council approved (unanimous).

08.0 OTHER BUSINESS

None.

09.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

- 09.1 With the regular monthly meeting scheduled for the third Monday being a holiday in January, the Council set a Special Called Meeting for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the school Library.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 09.1 Eric Quinn made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lauren Cox. Council approved (unanimous).