Cherokee County School District

Little River Elementary
School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE	Tuesday, February 10, 2026
TIME	7:15am
LOCATION	Little River Conference Room
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS	Dr. Joni Adams, Principal Christina Behne, Teacher Candida McClairen, Teacher Meghan Benson, Parent (Chair) Lizzie Baker, Parent (Secretary) Betsy Davis, Parent Meredith Combs, Parent (Absent) Jamal Winfield, Parent (Vice Chair) (Absent)

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Dr. Joni Adams at 7:22am.

AGENDA

1. **Safety: Recent Code Red Drill, Camera Update**
    a. Unscheduled Code Red Drill on Friday, 1/30 at 12:45pm. The goal was for the drill to happen when students were in the hallway, at lunch, etc. rather than everyone being in their class first thing in the morning.
    b. Officer Buffkin watched all the security cameras from the Conference Room.
    c. Everyone was well-equipped to lock down in just a few seconds - it went really well.
    d. Parent volunteers and visitors - teachers do a hallway sweep for any visitors before they lock their doors.
    e. LRE is at the top of CCSD's list for upgraded security camera systems, and they will be installed next week (week of 2/16). New cameras will be installed outside, in the atrium and in the annex.
2. **CCRPI (College and Career Ready Performance Index)**
    a. LRE's 2025 Score: 89.7
        i. Performance improved in every category, even during a year when teachers had no resources. (Categories: content mastery, progress, closing gaps, readiness)
        ii. This year there is more of an instructional focus with the superintendent's vision.
    b. Available for anyone to view HERE.

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3. **Instruction: Schoolwide Adjustments, Including Enrichment and Barriers to Instruction (events, substitutes and scheduling)**
    a. Enrichment
        i. Ways to elevate learning experience for kids who catch on quickly, but not necessarily in AIM.
        ii. Mrs. Jackson (AIM teacher) creating enrichment tasks for classrooms.
    b. Barriers
        i. Pastries with Parents - First day went well, then it went downhill. Great opportunity for parents to have a low-stress way to get in the building, but what are some alternatives?
        ii. Substitutes - Can be a barrier for many schools, but we have a group of incredible subs that keep instruction happening when teachers are out.
            1. Celebrating them with inaugural Sub Appreciation Week in March
        iii. Scheduling - Currently gathering great feedback on how to best approach scheduling for next year. (ex. Kindergarteners can't focus on ELA in afternoons; 4th and 5th grade transition times)
4. **Personnel: Staff Updates and the Upcoming Hiring Season**
    a. Retirements
        i. Tony Burdo (Music) retiring EOY.
        ii. Susan Montgomery (Principal's Secretary) retiring EOY.
        iii. Debbie Georges (AP) officially retired on 1/31/26, but will be celebrated at EOY with other retirees. Kathleen Chandler has been filling in part-time.
        iv. There is some internal interest for open positions, but CCSD HR states there have to be 3 interviews for every open position. Hiring open roles will be a priority after Winter Break.
    b. Classroom size will increase next year, especially for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Most likely 28, 29 students/class. Dr. Adams will get allotments after Winter Break.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Class Placement**
    a. New this year: Teachers will be heavily involved in class placement.
    b. Dr. Adams to add a line in the Parent Input Form for parents who do *not* want their child to have a legacy teacher. (Ex. Is there a previous teacher your family has experienced who you don't think would be a good fit?)
    c. Parent Input Form sent out in Eagle News and dedicated email.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:15am in the Little River Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Joni Adams at 8:01am.