

River Oaks Elementary School Improvement Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2026

Attendees: Rene Cazier, Megan McCrary, Heather Boykin, Karen Bason, Michelle Foutz, Andrew Slawson, Barbie Earnest, Vinny Napolitano

Virtual Attendees: Kristin Green

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on December 9, 2025, were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report

- **Enrollment:** 688 students
 - **December Highlights:**
 - Winter Chorus Concert held successfully
 - New projector installed
 - Appreciation extended to the PTO for gifts and cookies provided to staff
 - **MAP Testing:**
 - Highest growth in Reading among elementary schools in the district
 - Second-highest growth in Math among elementary schools in the district
 - Teacher meetings and goal-setting sessions completed
 - Test score rewards have already been implemented and enjoyed
 - **Upcoming / Ongoing Events:**
 - Vehicle Day for CD–3rd grade on Friday, January 16
 - Early dismissal on Friday, January 16
 - School closed Monday, January 19 (MLK Jr. Day)
 - School closed Tuesday, January 20 (Teacher Workday)
 - Teachers will be meeting with an Engagement Consultant to increase student engagement
 - January 26 – Otternatos attending Long Bay Symphony
 - January 29 – 5th Grade Dance
 - January 30 – 100th Day of School and Awards Ceremony (Grades 3–5)
 - February 5 – Multicultural Night (5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) – PTO will provide pizza for Teachers again.
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Spirit Nights

- January 13 – Peach Cobbler
- February – Chick-fil-A (TBD) and Wonderworks (2/20)
 - Dinner option being considered at Extreme Pizza on 2/20
- March – Crazy Mason (3/12) and Full Belly BBQ (3/24, 3:00–9:00 p.m.)
- April – Tavern in the Forest (4/21, 3:00–8:00 p.m.) and Sweet Frog (TBD - Mascot to visit ROE)
- May – Red Robin (TBD) and Rita’s Ice (TBD)
- June – Baked Bear (TBD) and Myrtle Waves (TBD)

Upcoming Winter / Early Spring Events

- **Parent PTO Meeting – February 3**
 - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- **Chili Cook-Off – February 28**
 - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **Silent Auction – Tentatively March 9–13**
 - Each grade may create a themed basket - Proposal will be brought to the Lead Teacher Meeting at the end of January for feedback
 - Pep rallies planned during lunch periods throughout auction week

Focus Areas / Projects for the Year

- **School Garden Project – Girl Scout Troop 2613**
 - Modifications needed (review of garden beds) and plan to start small
 - Girl Scouts may prepare a presentation outlining the purpose and goals of the garden

Discussion

General discussion regarding upcoming plans and initiatives took place.

Questions

No additional questions were raised.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.