LORRAINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A ROCKDALE COUNTY SCHOOL

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School Council

Minutes

October 19, 2026
7:00 a.m.

Call to Order – 7:10am

Approval of Agenda – Motion

Introduction of Members and Guests

Parents: Dr. Tene Davis Dr. Qualyn McIntyre Mrs. Taisha Seabolt Ms. Chelsea Walton Ms. Shamara Hudson - virtual	**Teachers:** Mrs. Samantha Carlisle – Principal Ms. Davanh Souvanarath – 5th Grade teacher Mrs. Beth Clark – Media Specialist
Business Partners: Kimolyn Lee – Gravity X - virtual Ms. Lockhart – Eve's Garden - virtual	

Training Video – all present members watched the RCPS School Council Training Video. (https://youtu.be/jV-W8xT5iJg?si=7hvDIrkRLR-HUYe9)



Review and Adoption of By-Laws – All present members reviewed the LES School Council Bylaws (link). After discussion the following changes were made:
Articke VII: Add nomination process to this article using the following verbiage:

(First sentence of Article VII) "Local School Council nominations and elections will take place in August. If nominations do not exceed vacancies, the nominations will serve as an election."

(Last sentence of Article VII) "The businessperson(s) shall be selected from business community members open to supporting Lorraine Elementary School"

It is our Goal to have meetings in September, November, February and May. The hope is to facilitate discussion on the latest Data.

Selection of School Council Roles

- Chairperson – Motion was made, seconded and the vote passed to elected Tene Davis as President.
- Vice Chairperson - Motion was made, seconded and the vote passed to elected Taisha Seabolt as Vice President
- Secretary - Motion was made, seconded, and the vote passed to elected Beth Clark as Secretary.

Student-Centered Decision Making — Discussion

Dr. Davis stated that as we work as a School Council, we should always keep in mind the humanity of our students. They are children and not just test scores. We should always work towards the development of the whole child.

Report of the Principal

Mrs. Carlisle facilitated a presentation on the state of our school at the end of Q1. The presentation can be found by clicking the link (October School Council Principal Report.pptx)

A: Attendance: The overall Goal for each grade level is 95% of students in school each day. She has implemented weekly, monthly and quarterly rewards as shown on the Attendance Board in the Main Hallway. Students are responding positively to these rewards. Students who are Chronically Absent have been identified and are being attended by members of Core Leadership and our Attendance Support Team to provide support to improve attendance. Mrs. Carlisle mentioned that when she digs into the data, some of our medically fragile SID/PID are causing the numbers to be lower.

B: School Improvement Goals: We have implemented Community Circle in all classrooms. It is built into the Master Schedule. We are using Meetup & Harmony and Quaver as well as a Monthly Character Focus to guide Community Circle. Also, a Check-In, Check-Out system has been implemented for certain students which identifies a preferred adult to provide pre-emptive conversations and de-escalation when necessary. We are working towards increasing parent engagement by 15%. Mrs. Carlisle said that the room parent program is still a work in progress. Feedback she is getting is that parents want to work in partnership with a classroom and not be solely responsible. Also, some classrooms have a lot of parent volunteers and others have none, so she is considering Gradel Level parent volunteers. Dr. Davis volunteered for the LSC to take responsibility for the Room Parent Initiative.

C: Content: We have implemented rewards for AMIRA quality time and Beanstack Reading Incentive. For each Grade Level, we have purchased Stuffy Spots and Bennys and they are awarded weekly to the class with the highest "High Quality Time" in AMIRA and minutes in Beanstack. Students are excited to earn these each week. Carlisle reviewed our testing data to explain areas of growth. She is doing a Math Challenge this month. Ms. Souvanarath stated that many students do not have background knowledge of real-world application of Math. Dr. Davis asked that parents be advised in advance of Math skills to be taught so that they can prepare their students. Dr. Davis asked that test scores be printed and put into student weekly folders. Dr McIntyre stated that she is more likely to look at Infinite Campus for grades. Mrs. Carlise will look into a solution that will accommodate these differences.

D: Development: At the beginning of the Year, staff agreed on Development using the Three-Cs: Collaboration, Communication and Consistency. Teacher PLC's have been reorganized so that teachers have protected time to collaborate on instructional plans. This has extended to using student data to inform instruction through collaborative discussions that include Mrs. Carlisle (Math) and Mrs. Mitchell (ELA). A running agenda is kept. In Morning PLCs, Carlisle is able to get manipulatives for teachers based on instructional needs. We have consistent Weekly Staff Meetings on Tuesdays after school for professional development and trainings.

E: Engagement of Stakeholders: Mrs. Carlisle shared how we are engaging parents and stakeholders. Through Parent Square, Social Media, PTO, School Council and many other ways, we are involving our community and evolving our culture.

The Next Meeting will be held the week of November 16th.

Adjournment at 9:00am