

LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

March 30, 2023, at 9:30am

WELCOME by DAC Chairperson, Becky Shuler

ATTENDANCE

- Supt. Kyle Peddie
- Asst. Supt. Jeff Sewell
- Becky Shuler
- Mandie Fowler
- Beth Brown
- Tim Davis
- Jessie Bennett
- Janna Moran
- Robyn Conyers
- Tessa Byler
- Grant Conyers
- Lara Deason
- Stephanie Davis
- Tisha Strickland
- Jessica Peddie
- Riley Read
- Tayln Kincaid
- Melissa Kincaid
- Riley Graham
- Tammy Pullam
- Jessica Peddie

APPROVED MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING -December 1, 2022

OLD BUSINESS - N/A

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- *Report given by Mr. Kyle Peddie*

1. I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Shuler to the Liberty County School District family. We had a wonderful introductory meeting a few weeks ago and I look forward to her leadership in keeping us in compliance with all statutes and regulations as the new School Board Attorney.
2. The Liberty County school Board last fall approved the implementation of the Guardian Program in our schools. Candidates have been identified and will be meeting with the Sheriff tomorrow at 8am. Training will occur in the month of June with 9 new Guardians. We will begin the 23-24 school year with Guardians at each of the schools. We will do all we possibly can to keep our schools safe!
3. Teacher Professional Development Day is on Good Friday, April 7th. No school for students.
4. [CS/HB 733 \(TEMPLE\)](#) / [SB 1112 \(BURGESS\)](#) – Middle School and High School Start Times
These bills would change the earliest start time for middle and high schools, including charter schools, beginning July1, 2026 No middle school could start before 8:00am, and no high school could start before 8:30am. HB 733 received its third and final committee

hearing last week and was reported favorably by the House Education and Employment Committee. This is getting traction in the Legislature. PAEC Superintendents met with Legislators this past Tuesday at the Capitol.

5. Our Legislative Appropriation request of \$475,000 for a new softball fieldhouse/restrooms is in the House budget. Thanks Rep. Jason Shoaf!
6. Our District Office leadership is feverishly looking at staffing for the next school year. Intent to return letters have been received from all staff. We will have some holes to fill for sure. We are currently advertising for an assistant Principal at Hosford School.
7. Recognition next week Monday, April 3rd is Paraprofessional Appreciation Day and Tuesday, April 4th is School Librarian Appreciation Day.
8. There will be a DUI reenactment exercise at the LCHS next Wednesday, April 5th at 10am.
9. Spring Testing is about to be in full force. The end of the school year is right around the corner!

NEW BUSINESS:

School Reports:

Liberty Pre-K - Chesnee Layne

1. Enrollment for Pre-K for 4 yr olds opened Jan. 1, 2023.
2. Enrollment for Pre-K for 3 yr olds Screening Dates will run through June 30, 2023
3. If any one has any questions concerning enrollments of Pre-K needs to contact me. Open enrollment does not include Pre-k students. Just because an older sibling is except for out of county or out of zone does not mean they will be excepted at Pre-K. There is currently a waiting list.

W.R. Tolar-

Events

1. In December, we had Storybook Christmas. This year we had around 500 students, parents, volunteers and staff attend the event.
2. Basketball season ended
3. 2nd round of F.A.S.T. was administered.
4. During Celebrate Literacy Week in January, Just Read, Florida visited our 1st grade classrooms. Each classroom had a guest speaker that read The Shark Book. A shark visited the classrooms and each first grader received a copy of the book.
5. During Celebrate Literacy Week, we had 3 surprise reader read a book to school via Zoom.
6. We held Ties and Tiaras Family Valentine's Dance. We had A LOT of families attend, possibly 350-400 family members and students.
7. Tolar celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with Cat in the Hat reading Green Eggs and Ham to the school via Zoom.
8. Data Chats were held with all students in 4th-8th grade.
9. Softball and Baseball recently ended with our Softball Team Placing 2nd in the Conference

Tournament.

Data

Many improvements were made during the 2nd round of F.A.S.T. !!!!

FAST PM1 Mathematics Grade 3-8 67% scoring a 1

FAST PM2 Mathematics Grade 3-8 39% scoring a 1

LIBERTY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL-Report given by Tim Davis, Assistant Principal

Academics

The PERT Test was given yesterday to certain students who are trying to qualify for Dual Enrollment.

9th Grade Field Test next week. We will be training the teachers the next couple days. DOE will be on site this year for our FSA/EOC Assessments!

Extra Curricular Activities

1. FFA won 3rd in Poultry judging back in February! Mr. Stoutamire does a wonderful job wit the students in his program!
2. HOSA will travel to Orlando on April 13th for the state competition.
3. Mock DUI will be on Wednesday of next week, April 5th.
4. Prom is schedule for April 7th.

Athletics

1. Baseball-The boys are 5-5 and play Blountstown on Friday night.
2. Softball-Girls are 11-5 and ranked number 5 in the state! We played in tournament I Bellevue over spring break and went 3-1 against 4A, 6A, and 7A schools!
We play Florida High tomorrow night with JV starting at 5:00 and varsity at 7:00.
3. Beach Volleyball-Girls age doing great in our fist year with a record of 5-1! We play Godby today at home at 3:15.
4. Weightlifting-We hasted the boys' district meet yesterday and came in first place in traditional and second place in Olympic!
5. Track- Boys and Girls track team are in full swing. Our meet at Wakulla Tuesday was rained out. They travel to St. Joe on Tuesday.
6. Volleyball-Championship rings are in!!! We will be presenting the rings to our state champion volleyball team on Tuesday at 2:20 in the gym! Everyone is invited!

Hosford-Report giving by Stephanie Davis, Principal

1. The school-wide 4-H Speech Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 9:00
2. Our 8th grade visits LCHS on Wednesday, April 5th for orientation and the mock DUI demonstration.

3. Hosford Family Breakfast will be Friday, April 14th from 7:30 to 8:15 in the lunchroom.
4. Hosford's Got Talent will be Friday, April 28th.
5. Testing begins the first week of May and run through most of May.
6. Kindergarten Graduation will be Tuesday, May 16th.
7. 8th Grade Celebration will be Wednesday, May 24th.
8. Final Awards Day and End of Year Celebration will be Thursday, May 25th.

Student Concerns -

Riley Read- She liked the idea of starting school at 8:30.

Mr. Kyle brought up a con of the mandated time change, should it pass. He mentioned that parents needed to drop student off early to be able to get to work on time. And it would make our day longer.

Mrs. Becky add that sports would have to leave early (during school time) to make it to games etc. That would cause instructional time loss.

Parent Concerns -

Tessa Byler - her concerns were about the Guardian program. She asked if there would be trained backup Guardians?

Mr. Kyle - stated that we did have back ups but they will not go through the 4 week training. But that they would have some training.

Tessa Byler- was also concern about the gates at Tolar we open during the school day. She pointed out that the back gate was a straight shot to the play ground where there were 75+ students at any giving time.

Ricky Sansom-Mentioned that the gates at Tolar were not working. The main issue on repairing the gate was funds. He mentioned that we would always see weak spots and places we need to improve.

Mrs. Lara Deason- Mentioned, Teacher, Staff and Students need to be aware of who is on campus and things that questionable.

Mr. Kyle-replied that the main thing is to keep those doors locked.

Tessa Byler - had a concern about the cost for student going to the games. She asked if they still offered Garnet and Gold Cards. So they can get in at free or reduce price.

Mr. Tim Davis-Responded that the cost of the officials had gone up.

Mrs. Becky Shuler- Stated that we were cheap than most counties.

Mr. Tim-Mentioned that the gate money paid for the officials and the concession money went to the Booster Club.

Mr. Conyers-Would like to be involved int the scheduling of the Middle School games. He mentioned playing other school to get more play time Mr. Kyle suggest that he coordinate with the Athletic Director at Tolar.

Mrs. Melissa Kincaid-Asked about Teacher's shortage and what process or procedure do we have in order to keep our teachers.

Mr. Kyle mentioned that we are involved with the colleges to recruit new teachers that are looking for a job. He mentioned that this time of year is like the Hunger Games for Teachers. As of right now

we don't have many leaving but that could change.

Mrs. Melissa Kincaid- What are the salary comparison to other districts around us?

Mr. Kyle-Right now our teachers (beginning teachers) are at \$42,000. The DOE wants that moved to \$47,500. They give us the money to cover that, but don't cover out veteran teachers. It's really tough right now.

Mr. Grant Conyers- mentioned the parent drop of area at the High School needed a left turning lane.

Mr. Ricky- added that he has talked with Newberry about adding a turn lane there. Which will take time. It's in the plan.

Riley Read- going back to the active shooter. She feels it is important to prepare students on what they should do during and active shooter. She feels that our drills prepare teachers and staff but not students.

District Reports:

Food Service- Stacie Fant-Out

ESE, ELL Director- Lara Deason

ESE & Student Services updates

1. ELL Students have been administered the WIDA assessment for this school year and data will be evaluated to determine adjustments to individual student ELL plans.
2. The state required FSAA Assessment for students on an alternate curriculum has been administered for K-8 and in process for high school students.
3. Starting preparations for ESY (extended school year) for the summer program.
4. Kg registration will be set for the end of April for parents to register their child for kg for the 23-24 school year. This will be for students who were not enrolled in Pre-k this current school year. Those students will automatically be enrolled.
5. Youth Mental Health Awareness training in continuing and we will have met the statutory requirement of having 80% of staff trained by July 1, 2023.
 1. Some staff are enrolled in online renewal course
 2. 2 face-to-face trainings are scheduled for April 7th and May 26th
 3. This training has to be renewed every 3 years.
6. Currently reviewing all mental health curriculums to ensure they are in compliance with new statutory requirements.
7. The ESE department is currently in the process of an assessment of DOE selected student ESE/IEP documents to determine compliance and will be provided with results and any corrective actions that need to be made.
8. **The ESE/Student Services department is currently in the middle of an operational audit of the Mental Health Allocation program and procedures. This audit will also provide guidance regarding any adjustments to our program that might need to be made,**

Technology- Lynn Guthrie – Out Report given by Mandie Fowler

1. Hosford Elementary & Junior High School currently utilizes approximately 40 laptops with low specs such as 4 GB of RAM to provide students with 1:1 access at school. We would like

to request 25 laptops to help better equip our students with reliable technology access. If our request is granted, we will ensure devices are quickly prepared and deployed meeting all district standards.

2. Liberty County High School currently utilizes over 75 laptops with low specs such as 4 GB of RAM to provide students with 1:1 access at school. We would like to request 35 laptops to help better equip our students with reliable technology access. If our request is granted, we will ensure devices are quickly prepared and deployed meeting all district standards.

3. W.R. Tolar K-8 School currently utilizes approximately 50 laptops with low specs such as 4 GB of RAM to provide students with 1:1 access at school. We would like to request 35 laptops to help better equip our students with reliable technology access. If our request is granted, we will ensure devices are quickly prepared and deployed meeting all district standards.

School Safety- Report given by Ricky Sansom

1. Fire alarms are installed and working. We are still waiting on 1 part.
2. The gate at LCHS is installed.
3. We were able to put up a fence at the bus barn around the buses. The gates are in the works. We may add a key pad to be able to keep the gate closed at all times. The bus drivers will have a code.
4. We are looking to up grade the gym doors at LCHS.
5. We are looking into getting bullet proof film for all the glass doors if they don't already have it.

Curriculum- Report read by Mandie Fowler

1. Summer Extended Learning

K-5 students who have been identified as needing additional interventions to close learning gaps will be receiving invitations for summer in the next few weeks. These students are already participating in our after school academies. These programs are all grant funded. There will be 2 bus routes, 1 per K-8 school.

There will be summer STEM opportunities for older students throughout the summer. Watch ParentSquare for notifications.

2. Curriculum Adoption

New Social Studies curriculum will be adopted for the 2023-24 academic year. The district is waiting for the governors office to release the list of approved vendors. Samples are currently being stored at the district office. We will send out a ParentSquare message once we are ready for parent/community input.

3. Parent Involvement Survey

Please be sure to respond, this helps determine trajectory of federal Parent Involvement funds. Preferred method of communication is ParentSquare, and the biggest obstacle for being more involved in school is work obligations.

4. Federal Grant Application process

At this time, no federal grants have been released for the application process; however funding is

expected to remain static. All grant budgets and narratives are available on the district website.

5. Controlled Open Enrollment

Controlled Open Enrollment begins April 1st and closes May 3rd. Forms are available on the district's website, in the school guidance offices, and will be sent via ParentSquare.

6. 2023-24 District calendars

The updated district calendar is on the website and printed copies are available for attendees today.

21st Century-Report given by Beth Brown, *Project Manager*

Tolar Family Service Events:

1. October- Learning is "Spooky" / Baggin' Books
2. November- Thanksgiving Culture/Family Reading
3. December- Storybook Christmas
4. January- Math Time w/Family
5. February- Student Advocacy
6. March- F.A.S.T Resources Family Event/Summer Sign up for 21st Century

We finish out the year April 27th, and are looking forward to a busy summer starting June 12th- July 24th. Sign up has begun at the last family events, and will continue. DOE has assured us of an extension of one year with the possibility of extending more years.

Hosford 21st CCLC Family Service

1. January- Florida Literacy week was Jan. 23-27: We hosted a family reading night. Parents were able to bring their children out and read library books with them. We also allowed students to take AR test on no more than 2 books. Students were able to count these books towards their AR goal.
2. February- Valentine's Day Family Dance: We shared information about 21st CCLC and ways to sign their child up. Also, the SWAT group and Mrs. Karla shared about health (blood pressure) and the effects of tobacco and vaping.
3. March- Book Fair: We had a family night which allowed parents and other family to come out and shop at the book fair. The school provided Sugar Fix for anyone who came. Parents were able to sign their child up for summer camp and get information about it.

Assessment- Asst. Superintendent Jeff Sewell

1. State Assessment Updates
2. Send out a ParentSquare on Monday, 3/27, with all Spring 2023 Assessment dates.
3. WIDA testing has finished and mailed into DRC.
4. FSAA testing has been completed at Tolar and Hosford is nearly complete. LCHS started FSAA testing after Spring Break.
5. LCHS 9th graders will take the B.E.S.T. Writing Field Test on Tuesday, April 4th.
6. The month of May will be filled with all other statewide testing. This includes PM3 for ELA & Math, EOCs, NGSSS Science, as well as other district progress monitoring assessments.
7. Currently completing SAC training with schools. SACs will then use materials to train all test administrators at their respective schools.
8. We will have FLDOE's K-12 Assessment Office complete onsite visits at our schools in May.

Ms. Becky Shuler announced our next meeting will be Sept. 14, 2023 @ 9:30am

Adjourned Meeting: