

# LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Minutes

December 7, 2023, at 10:30am

**WELCOME** by DAC Chairperson, *Becky Shuler*

### ATTENDANCE

- Supt. Kyle Peddie
- Asst. Supt. Jeff Sewell
- Becky Shuler
- Jessie Bennett
- Jessica Clark
- Tessa Byler
- Lara Deason
- Melissa Kincaid
- Tammy Pullam
- Ricky Sansom
- Derringer Edwards
- Sharon Austin
- Ashlie Waldorff
- Jodie Bailey
- Michael Richter
- Boo Bryant
- Cari McSpadden
- Ciana Dillmore
- Dalynn Smith
- Allie Roberts
- Scout Harr

### **APPROVED MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING –September 14, 2023**

**Motion to approve the minutes by Lara Deason. Seconded by Jessie Bennett. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS – Becky Shuler commented on some changes made at LCHS.** Coach Sewell made it possible for students to pre-purchase volleyball game tickets for \$3.00 to help with the cost for students.

At the last meeting it was brought up that there were not enough microwaves. Since that meeting, they have added a new microwave. Also, the overcrowded lunchroom, Teachers are allowing students to eat lunch in their classroom and are allowed to be in the hallway by the lunchroom to eat their lunch.

Ms. Becky also noted that she added a board by her hall classroom. To recognize other sports and achievements that may not get a lot of attention.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- *Report given by Superintendent Kyle Peddie***

Thanksgiving lunches at all the schools were a huge success. We had wonderful turnout from the families we serve.

I'm very proud for the LCHS Culinary Program as they will be serving a meal to the Florida

Senate at the Senate's request in January during the Legislative Session.

Our LCHS Volleyball team made the final four ageing, falling short in the state semifinals against the eventual state champion, Baker.

Talking Volleyball...LCHS had its first ever female athlete to sign a division 1 letter of intent. Aubrie Arnold signed to play volleyball at Presbyterian College in South Carolina this past Wednesday. We are proud of this wonderful accomplishment for Aubrie and the entire LCHS Volleyball team.

Chairman Doobie Hays, Finance Director Melanie King, and I participated in the latest financial audit exit conference a few weeks ago by the Florida Auditor General's office. We hand another stellar audit from the state. I'm very proud of Melanie and her staff!

Concrete should be poured tomorrow at the new softball field house. Hoping to have that almost finished by the time softball season gets here.

Our LC Teachers and Employees of the Year at each school site:

- Tolar School

Teacher of the Year – Keri Summers

Employee of the Year – Lisa Lollie

Hosford School

Teacher of the Year – Erin Green

Employee of the Year – Crystal Jordan

Liberty County High School

- Teacher of the Year – Tisha Strickland
- Employee of the Year – Barbara Piercy

LCSB District Office/ Pre-K

- Teacher of the Year – Amanda Shiver
- Employee of the Year – Deanna Parrish

LC Transportation/ Maintenance – Tony Williams

**District Employee of the Year** – Deanna Parrish

**District Teacher of the Year** will be announced at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

Strategic Plan 24-26 (Draft) Discussion and request for input

Merry Christmas! Thanks so much for your willingness to serve the DAC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## **School Reports:**

### **Liberty County High School-Tim Davis – Out - Report giving by Sharon Austin**

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

##### Basketball

- The boys are 4-1 with a big game this Friday in Blountstown.
- The girls 3-1 and play Sneads at home today and in Blountstown Friday before the boys.

##### Volleyball

- Congratulations once again to our Final Four Volleyball team! We have 3 senior girls from the team participating in the “2023 Senior Match on the Emerald Coast” All-Star Game this Saturday, Dec. 9th at 4:00 pm, at Gulf Coast State College. Caleigh Peddie, Aubrie Arnold, and Savannah Creamer will be on the East Team, coached by Blountstown’s Coach and LCHS alumni, Leigh Ann Summers.

##### Wrestling

- The wrestling season has begun, and the team leaves Thursday for a tournament in Chattanooga, TN.

##### Girls Weightlifting

- The Girls Weightlifting team had a match in Altha yesterday and Marianna next week.

##### Softball

- Construction has begun on the new Softball Clubhouse! The foundation should be poured in the next few days!

##### ROTC

- The LCHS ROTC cadets continue to be active. They have helped at Tolar on several occasions with parking assistance for their Thanksgiving lunch crowd and Storybook Christmas event. They also played a major role in our Veteran’s Day program.

##### Vocational Programs

- Mr. Suber’s welding/carpentry classes toured Rex Lumber last month to familiarize themselves with the company for possible employment opportunities after graduation. We have a wonderful partnership with Rex Lumber!

##### FFA

- Mr. Stoutamire is in Haines City with several members of FFA for the State Vegetable Competition.

##### Band

- The band has had a wonderful year so far. They received their first “Superior” rating at competition in over 10 years! They are also putting on a Christmas concert this Friday night at the high school at 6:00 pm.

##### Beta

- The LCHS Beta Club members have been busy decorating the doors of the school putting everyone in the Christmas Spirit! Judges came by Tuesday and had a wonderful time walking the halls admiring the decorations.

## Academics

- Assessments
- · EOC retakes have taken place recently for the students that have not passed their graduation requirements.
- · Write score was administered on Monday and Tuesday to our 9th and 10th graders.
- · FAST PM2 assessments are being given this morning

### **Hosford**- Report giving by **Ashlie Taylor**

- Successful Thanksgiving Lunch and Heritage Day. Many parents and family members joined us for these events.
- The National Jr. Beta Club induction was held last week. They have been busy with service projects. They held a bake sale and raised money for a family in need, and next week they are taking gift bags and caroling at Blountstown Rehab.
- Basketball season ends today with the final game in Blountstown. Our girls are undefeated, and our boys are improving each game.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Christmas play is on Tuesday with an evening performance at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.
- Santa Store has been highly successful. Students can shop for gifts for friends and family.
- This week and next week are filled with progress monitoring.
- We are proud of our Teacher of the Year Erin Green and Employee of the Year Crystal Jordan.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Awards Day will be held the afternoon of Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **WR Tolar School**-Report given by **Jessie Bennett** Assistant Principal

- We ended Volleyball season as Conference Champs. Both A and B teams never lost a set!
- Started Basketball and the season comes to an end next week.
- Storybook Christmas 2023 was another HUGE success. We had over 400 people attend the event and even more counting our staff and families. The Storybook Christmas Committee has already started planning for next year.
- We are in the middle of testing. We have been pleased with the growth we have seen. The scores look similar to our scores from this time last year.
- Our leadership team will be looking over the scores during preplanning in January and making plans to address weak areas. Additionally, we will have our second round of data chats with our students when we return from winter break.
- Referrals are down.
- We have hired a new 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher, Campbell Odom. She will start in January.
- With Mr. Rob's help, Franklin County gifted Tolar push to talk phones. Currently, we are using 30.
- Our current enrollment is 515 students, Not including PreK.

### **Pre-K**-Chesnee Layne-Out

### **Student Concerns** –

**Scout Harr asked about the Football Field. When will it be completed?**

**Kyle Responded:** We have put in a request for funds to complete the football field house. Should know something by February or March. Hope to have it completed this summer if we get approval for the funds.

**Parent Concerns**

**Melissa Kincaid asked about new buildings at Tolar due to growth.**

**Kyle Responded:** Right now, we are in good shape. But the biggest need at Tolar is a lunchroom.

**Melissa Kincaid asked about the drop off area at Hosford School.**

**Kyle Responded:** Adding a Crosswalk over the break.

**Tessa Byler asked about funding to help with a concrete pad for the pre-school playground area.**

**Kyle Responded:** It is needed. Not a problem but need to make sure it gets in the right spot.

**District Reports:**

**ESE, ELL Director- Lara Deason**

Very busy first semester

- Down ESE staff at Tolar currently; To ensure services are being provided teachers have stepped up to provide ESE Inclusion services during their planning time and we are very appreciative of that.
- Alternate Assessment for students will be starting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter; preparations are underway for that assessment.
- Resiliency Skills is the new focus under Mental Health. Working to try and get more school wide implementation to help promote these skills with all students.
- Held one YMHFA training on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and will hold an additional one at the end of the school year to ensure our percentage of staff trained meets the statutory requirements.

**Technology- Lynn Guthrie – Out Report given by Mandie Fowler**

Total E-Rate applied for and funded for year 2023

- Category 1 - \$62,316 (internet and WAN)
- Category 2 - \$74,394.55 (internal switches and UPS)

We currently have about \$40,000 remaining in E-Rate Category 2 for this coming 2024-year filing. Tolar is the only campus that does not have all updated Aruba switches and the remaining balance of funds will be utilized at that campus.

Current Technology projects

- 14 new Aruba switches were acquired with this year's E-Rate funding as well as US Forestry funds.

10 @ District Office

4 @ Tolar

#### Intercom system

- Additional speakers were installed at Hosford and Tolar this past month for better coverage.

5 @ Hosford

2 @ Tolar

#### **School Safety**- *Report given by Ricky Sansom*

##### 2023 Safety upgrades

- New access Control at Gym entrance of High school.
- New fencing at bus yard.
- Four new cameras at high school.
- Two new cameras at WR Tolar
- Guardian program was implemented.
- Added cameras at Hosford elementary school
- Added additional PA speaker at Hosford Elementary for better coverage.
- Installed vape censors at WR Tolar School.

##### 2023-2024 Upcoming Safety Projects

- Install fencing around the back side of LLC.
- Install signal amplifiers at Tolar.
- Install signal amplifiers at LCHS
- Digital mapping for all schools

Continued rounds and inspections are being conducted at all schools and I am very proud to announce that everyone is doing a great job of keeping their doors and areas secured and locked. I feel very good about our schools and look forward to improvements in the future.

The Office of Safe Schools visited WR Tolar and LCHS to conduct a safety inspection that went well. They also visited Hosford elementary and tested our allysas alert system and that test went very well also. Congratulations to everyone and keep up the good work.

#### **Curriculum**- *Mandie Fowler*

- Continuing grant funded small group interventions both during the day and after school during 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Tutoring program updates for spring term: Adding student tutors for algebra/geometry
- Science textbook review today and tomorrow at Paec, choices will be published on the website/Parentsquare for public input in the spring.

- Public input for grant applications is important, please respond to ParentSquare surveys and all grants are published on the website.
- The calendar committee begins meeting in January, be sure to check ParentSquare for updates and input requests.

**21<sup>st</sup> Century-Report given by Beth Brown, Project Manager out giving by Mandie Fowler**

***Total enrollment***

*Tolar- 100-110*

*Hosford – 95-100*

***21 Century is in need of Employees***

***Assessment- Asst. Superintendent Jeff Sewell***

High School is busy with retakes.

Tolar and Hosford testing in Reading and Math this month

3-5

6-8

K-2

We will meet with the School Principal and teams to discuss what we are doing well and where we need improvement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

We have alternate assessments.

ELL Assessment we are preparing for that in the spring.

***Food Service- Stacie Fant Out Report given by Jeff Sewell***

Thanksgiving Lunch was a huge success. All the schools had a great turn out.

***Chairperson, Becky Shuler:***

**Ms. Becky Shuler announced** our next meeting will be **MARCH 28th, 2024 @ 9:30am**

**Adjourned Meeting:**

Motion made by Ricky Sansom seconded by Tessa Byler

