

LIBERTY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

December 1, 2022, at 9:30am

WELCOME by DAC Chairperson, Becky Shuler

ATTENDANCE

- Asst. Supt. Jeff Sewell
- Becky Shuler
- Mandie Fowler
- Beth Brown
- Tim Davis
- Lara Deason
- Stephanie Davis
- Mary Flowers
- Jessica Peddie
- Trayson Lewis
- Robin Blackburn
- Tayln Kincaid
- Melissa Kincaid
- Cari McSpaddin
- Michael Richter
- Mitch Willis
- Elizabeth Arnold
- Riley Graham
- Tammy Pullam

APPROVED MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – September 15, 2022

OLD BUSINESS - N/A

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- *Report given by Mr. Jeff Sewell*

- STATE CHAMPIONS!! LCHS won its first State Championship in Volleyball overcoming a great Baker team 3-0. We had a wonderful following from Liberty County at the event! We will recognize them at the December meeting hopefully. I'm very proud of Coach Sewell and Coach Taunton for their hard work this year.
- I'm very proud of all our schools recognizing our veterans. Even though everything had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Nicole, we still had a wonderful time of fellowship with our Veterans.
- I am very pleased to announce the school/site winners for Teacher of the year and Employee of the Year for the Liberty County School District.

Tolar School: Teacher of the Year-Krystal Strickland, Employee of the year-Janna Moran

Hosford School: Teacher of the Year-Cassie Vickers, Employee of the year-Robin Blackburn

LCHS: Teacher of the Year-Laurie Brandon, Employee of the Year-Renee Williams

LCSB District Office: Employee of the Year-Renea O'Bryan

LC Transportation/Maintenance: Employee of the Year- Tyler Sansom

Jeff Sewell and I, along with the Principals and Assistant Principal, had the wonderful experience of surprising each winner with a gift bag.

The District Teacher of the Year winner will be announced December 14th. The District Employee of the Year winner was announced November 29th and the winner was Renea O'Bryan.

Thanks so much to Ferrovial for providing gift cards for all the winners!

- Shawn Revell and Bob Parrish are donating a lean-to barn for the LCHS practice football field. This will serve as a permanent cooling station (required by statute) and serve as extra storage for all the teams, especially the mowing equipment. We are indeed grateful for this wonderful donation. Florida Power has agreed to donate the wire running from the transformer to the building and the labor required to run it. Duncan Rudd is donating his electrical service to wire the building. The Bulldog Club has offered to help and provide Concrete for the floor.
- New Market Tax Credit Update: The Interested CDE will be making a site visit in the next two weeks to LCHS to view the project. The first round of funding provided \$592k. The second round could possibly yield around \$850k.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Reports:

W.R. Tolar-

*Tolar was not able to meet. They were preparing for **Storybook Christmas** that was schedule for that night at 6:00 – 7:30*

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

Extra Curricular Activities

Basketball

- The boys have 4 games this week with Tallavana at home tonight and Altha tomorrow on the road.
- The girls are off to a fast start with wins over Cottondale and Malone. They also travel to Altha tomorrow.

Volleyball

Congratulations once again to our state champion LCHS Girls Volleyball team! Rings have been ordered!

Beach Volleyball

Construction on our new beach volleyball courts will begin in the next week or so and be ready for play in the spring!

Wrestling

The wrestling season is in full swing. They wrestle at Florida High this weekend.

ROTC

The LCHS ROTC Rifle team once again dominated the regular season and regional competition in the Florida Panhandle with several top individual performers! They will travel to Naples in January for state competition.

Welding/Carpentry Classes

Mr. Bass's classes will tour Rex Lumber tomorrow to familiarize our students with the company for possible employment opportunities after graduation. We have a wonderful partnership with Rex Lumber!

Academics

Algebra EOC

Retakes are taking place today for any students that have not passed this graduation requirement.

By the numbers – 9 algebra students and 34 ELA students have passed these exams since last spring by taking advantage of retake opportunities.

Hosford –*Report giving by Stephanie Davis, Principal*

- We have recently had a successful Thanksgiving Lunch and Heritage Day. Many Parents and family members joined us for these events.
- F.A.S.T. begins next week and will last through the following week. When we return in January, we will meet with teachers and then students to review progress and adjust goals as needed.
- Santa store is up and running. All money will go to General Fund.
- Jr. Beta Club induction is tomorrow morning. Right now, they have a bake sale fundraiser for a family. In two weeks they will be taking gifts to the rehab center and caroling as a service project.
- Family Reading Night Tuesday, December 6th @ 6:00
- Hosford School Christmas Play Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00.
- Basketball season will end next week. No conference championship games.

Liberty Pre-K – *Chesnee Layne - Out*

Student Concerns –

Riley Graham asked for an update on the football field house/concession stand. Mr. Jeff said the next step is metal and to get electricity and water hooked up. Hope to have ready by the Football Season 2023

Parent Concerns -

Cari McSpadden concern was with athletic games event issue with players and parents. She wants to make sure we have policy and procedures in place. Mr. Jeff responded and said they monitor Facebook to catch problems before they happen. When they feel the need they have extra Deputies around. Safety is our #1 concern. Mr. Ricky added that the sheriff office is always will to help out with extra deputies when need for the schools.

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

Looking forward to receiving our Grant Award, should be any day now. So far the District has been graciously fronting our money needed. Attendance has been good.

- **Hosford** just finished a Thanksgiving Unit. This week starting a Christmas Unit, next week will work on Reindeer. A success story to report....A 2nd grade student was very uninterested in learning. She has said now that she feels excited to learn in the afternoons the way they have been learning. The teacher has been incorporating technology and STEM activities in the learning in 21st Century.
- **Tolar** has been working on the Anatomy of a Story: Characters, Setting, plot, conflict, and resolution. Also, Vowel Pairs, sight words, and comprehension have been worked on. Keyboarding skills have been incorporated into afterschool. At Tolar we have ELL students that attend 21st CCLC to receive help with homework, since at home no one speaks English.
- Family Service Activities September-November:
- Family Reading Nights- Tips for Reading
- Baggin Books Events- Free Books
- Learning is "Spooky" Family Night
- Heritage Day & Thanksgiving Culture Events

District Reports:

Food Service-Jeff gave report for Stacie Fant

Last year was the first time we didn't have to dip into General Fund. Ms. Fant has done a great job to keep us out of the red.

Ms. Fant would like to thank everybody that helped make Thanksgiving lunch a success. We had a great turn out this year.

- **Tolar** served 602 plates with 275 of those being adults
- **Hosford** served 449 plates with 167 of those being adults

Ms. Fant wanted to remind everyone that even if a child brings their lunch they can still go and get a tray.

ESE, ELL Director- Lara Deason

- Currently getting ready to start administering the FSAA and ELL/WIDA assessments. These are all individually administered to students that qualify to take them.
- We have Youth Mental Health First Aide training coming up Dec. 13th and 15th. By statute the district is required to train all staff, and this will get an additional 50 staff members either their initial training or their 3-year re-certification training

Technology- Lynn Guthrie

- Technology Hardware
 - (3) 75" interactive panels were installed thanks to Tyler and Jerome
 - Hosford-Guidance Office, Tolar-2 classrooms (Misty Sizemore and Sherry Flowers)
- Intercom system
 - Phase 1
 - LCHS – complete
 - Tolar – complete
 - Hosford – Working through All call issue but classroom intercoms and main building is complete
 - Phase 2
 - Hosford & Tolar – Hallway and exterior speakers
 - LCHS – add interactive console in front office
- Tech Trivia for this school year
 - HelpDesk Tickets
 - 1,257 tickets
- ParentSquare posts
 - 1,359 posts
- Clever Logins
 - Students – 357,400
 - Staff – 24,000
 - Top Apps – i-Ready, RenLearn and McGraw Hill
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Assessment- *Asst. Superintendent Jeff Sewell*

- PM 2 of FAST begins next week. This is for grades KDG-10 in ELA and KDG-8 in Mathematics.
- A ParentSquare message went out yesterday morning regarding information, specifics, and the schedule.
- EOCs retakes begin at LCHS today. This is for Alg.I, Geometry, Biology, and US History.
- The Florida Civic Literacy Exam will be on 12/14 at LCHS. This is for students taking American Government which mostly consist of seniors.
- Writing Field Test – The 9th grade at LCHS was selected by FLDOE. They will take the Writing Field Test on April 4th.

Board Policy

- Updates are coming out fast and furious.
- The number and nature of this policy revisions and suggested updates are due to ongoing Legislation.

Teacher / Employee of the Year Program

- Site based winners announced

- Renea O'Bryan is the LCSB Employee of the Year. Announced on 11/29. This was done earlier (and before TOY announcement) due to the state programs revised timeline.
- Scoring and evaluation regarding the TOY will be done next week and announced at the district luncheon on 12/14.
- Our district luncheon to recognize and hand out awards to all our site and district winners.

HR & Certification

- Our district is in tremendous shape.
- Nearly fully staffed. New band teacher will start in January.
- Certification and certificate renewal is ongoing with teachers.
- Teachers are attending many Professional Development opportunities due to the change in standards, curriculum, and assessment.
- This PD events are assisting teachers with instruction and earning the necessary points for renewal.

School Safety- Report given by Ricky Sansom

2022 Safety upgrades

- New fire alarm is being installed at Tolar. Waiting on parts for completion. Hoping to have by Christmas.
- New mass communication system is being installed at Tolar
- New mass communication system is being installed at Hosford
- New code access gate is awaiting installation by contractor after Christmas

2022-2023 Upcoming Safety Projects

- Install fencing around bus yard.
- Install signal amplifiers at Tolar.
- Install signal amplifiers at LCHS.

During the first half of the school year, inspections have been conducted at all schools and I am very proud to announce that everyone is doing a great job on keeping their doors and areas secured and locked. I feel very good about our schools and look forward to improvements in the future.

Curriculum & Instruction- Report read by Mandie Fowler

Parent Involvement-Title I

- Calendar suggestion requests for inclusion
- ParentSquare-should we work to move this to Title I funds?
- PTO-encouragement to be involved

Social Studies Adoption

- Review date in Spring
- Request for parent/community participation

Calendar committee

- 2 reps per school, be sure to send any suggestions to the district Public Comments email (link on the website)

P.D. Updates

- Math K-5/iReady
- Online-PAEC
- Writing
- Science
- Literacy Coaching
- Mentor Teachers

Grant Updates

- Expansion of Welding and infrastructure

Ms. Becky Shuler announced our next meeting will be **March 30 @ 9:30am**

Adjourned Meeting: