

# Liberty Elementary School

## School Based Decision Making Council Meeting

September 18, 2019

SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL MEETING

Present:

Lisa Kear  
Melissa Flannery  
Ryan Watts  
Stephanie Hatfield  
Jennifer Staton  
Gina Parsley  
Veronica Frisby  
Bethany Clark (parent)  
Sage Kitchen (parent)

Item #1: Agenda

Action Needed: Approval

Presenter: Lisa Kear

Jenny Staton motioned to call the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. and approve the agenda. Gina Parsley seconded and the motion was carried by consensus.

Item #2: Minutes

Action Needed: Review and approve August 2019 meeting minutes.

Presenter: Lisa Kear

Ryan Watts made a motion to approve the August 2019 minutes. Gina Parsley seconded and the motion was carried by consensus.

Item #3 Public Comment

Action Needed: Discussion

Presenter: Sage Kitchen parent of students Sienna 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Calla 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Mrs. Kitchen was concerned about the discrepancy in the recess times per class. The district states that 15 minutes is the required time. Stephanie Hatfield added that teachers have to document the 15 minutes but with transition times from and to, some classes have to allow longer times. Mrs. Kitchen expressed concern about the amount of movement and we informed her about Wellness Wednesday and that the students have movement breaks with the teachers on that day. Indoor recess will be only when the weather is not permittable. Mrs. Kitchen also asked if recess schedules could be rotated so 3<sup>rd</sup> grade wouldn't have to go at the end of the day all year. The reply was that due to the complexity of the Master Schedule it is not possible to rotate recess schedules.

Mrs. Kitchen also had concerns about the Lockdown drills. She asked if it was a Liberty Elementary decision to have the drills and we explained that it is required by Fayette County. She feels very good about her children being at Liberty and feels safe. Her main concern was that her 1<sup>st</sup> grade daughter was very affected by the drill. They have been homeschooled until this year and it wasn't an experience she was used to. After discussing why it is important to have the drills we discovered one of the issues was the very tight space that her class had to go to because they were in the Library during the drill. A suggestion was made to make more space by removing any items that aren't being used in that room to allow more space for an entire class, sometimes two to be in there at once. The question was asked by Bethany Clark (parent) to see if the lockdown drill could be practiced in every special rotation. That would be very hard to do with thirty homerooms and seven special areas. The suggestion was made to listen to the Teacher/Adult in the room for instructions as to where to go and what to do. Mrs. Kitchen asked if the class could do a practice lockdown without the police being present. We explained that the police men and women are very comforting and talk to the students when they open the door and by them being at the drills it allows the students to know they are here to help us. Lisa Kear will send out information about lockdown procedures for the parents in the Principal Newsletter.

Lunch room table, the parent table is so crowded, can we get another parent table. Lisa will check with Scott O'Hair.

Item #4: Good News:

Action Needed: Discussion

Presenter: Lisa Kear

Yankee Candle Sales-Going very well. The remaining orders will be counted and we will get a final total soon.

Marisol Gonzales-US Citizenship-Congratulations!

Pillar Miralles- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish Immersion teacher has arrived!

We are glad she is here!

Item #5: Upcoming Events

Action Needed: Discussion

Presenter: Lisa Kear

Fall Carnival will be 10/25-date change due to several other events on that night.

Kentucky Kids Day- 9/24 Every Liberty student will receive a free Liberty t-shirt. Students will wear their shirts on Friday 9/27.

Clothing Center-9/25 and 10/9-Women's Club collects clothes for the clothing center and eligible students go and choose clothes and a toy item. Mrs. Dewsnap & Ms. Bailey will be going with them on the bus.

Item #6: Budget and Staffing Update

Action Needed: Discussion

Presenter: Lisa Kear

Reviewed the Budget

.4 Library position open. This position has been modified to a .7 to be used as Library assistant and intervention. Beyond the Bell funds used to pay for the modification.

Gina Parsley made a motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. Jenny Staton seconded and the motion was carried by consensus.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2019