



Leesylvania Elementary School Principal's Advisory Council Meeting Notes Sept 30, 2024

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, September 30, 2024, 6:04pm, School Library

Meeting called to order by: Vanessa Olsen at 6:04 pm

Welcome: Vanessa started the meeting by having everyone go around the room and introduce themselves, how they are connected to Leesylvania and what they hope to get out of PAC this year.

Eagle Highlights: LES just finished back to school nights and there was a great attendance. Fund raising team was selling food at back to school night and raised some money to help off set the cost of field trips, such as Jamestown for the 4th graders and DC for the 2nd graders. Purple star ambassadors have doing a great job showing new students and families around the school and they helped out at back to school night. The parents of these new students are impressed that students are leading the way to show the new students how LES works.

SACI Update: The SACI hasn't had their first meeting of the year yet. October meeting will be covering updates to Advisory Councils in all of the schools. More topics will be scheduled so that the LES PAC will have the focuses of SACI to help shape the direction of our meetings, that way if the LES PAC has questions/concerns/comments on certain topics, Ms. Olson can bring them up to the SACI.

PAC Training: This is where you can listen, learn and have a voice. Ideas from the PAC meeting are used to implement improvements in the school. As a PAC member, you are charged with going out into the community to help inform fellow Leesylvania families. It is strongly encourage that you familiarize yourself with the Strategic Plan of LES and PWCS. PAC meetings will typically be the last Monday of every month. The PAC webpage is currently being updated, that will be where information will be placed.

Principal's Report: Mrs. MacGregor spoke about the new Virginia Literacy Act. It is a new law that is aimed at improving reading skills for K-8 students, mandated evidence-based reading instruction and intervention, and provides additional support for struggling readers. The goal is

to identify and support the reading challenges early. VALLSS testing just finished on Friday. VALLSS result letters will be going home this week and VALLS tutoring will be beginning shortly. Families can be involved by talking to your students about what they did in school, help your students read/identify letters and sounds while out and about, read every night with your student, join your local library and make sure your students are at school so that they can get as much instruction as possible. There will be a literacy night event on March 6th during Read Across America Week. A parent asked if the VALLSS report would be translated into home languages. Mrs. MacGregor stated that this report is generated from the state level and will not be translated, but they can reach out to our Parent Liaison for assistance in understanding the report.

All in tutoring is now being offered for all students who did not pass the SOL or the VGA. This is offered before school or during RTI time.

School wide discipline plan was shared at back to school night. The celebrations have started. Soon the check-in check-out program will begin for students who need extra support.

LES's goal is that 100% of parents attend parent teacher conferences. This is the best way to know exactly how your student is going.

Open Forum: A parent asked about HR positions. Mrs. MacGregor encouraged any parent interested in applying to be a substitute because there is a great need. Another parent asked if there was a way to combine all of the different text messages into a weekly newsletter as sometimes there are too many messages coming through. When it comes to VALLS, it was brought up how are the moderate risk students' needs being addressed. These students in grades 2 and 3 will be getting small group instruction, title 1 teachers will be serving these students and they will be getting All In Tutoring. The K-1 students will be getting additional support with the Kindergarten Aides. The concern for the students who are above grade level, how are they being challenged? During small group instruction, the work is differentiated based on the needs of the student. RTI also includes extension opportunities. The gifted teacher is willing to give opportunities and projects for higher thinking. The questions about devices going home was asked. The devices are not going home until the county says that we have to send them home.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Minutes compiled by Abby Yates, PAC Secretary