



Luella Elementary School Council
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Subject	LES School Council Meeting	Date	November 3, 2023		
Facilitator	Dr. Twyla Barkley	Start	8:03 am	Adjourn	8:42 am
Location	Virtual	Notes taken by	Ms. Dennis		
Attendance:	Voting Members Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Twyla Barkley (Principal) ● Phyllicia Williams (Business - Parent) ● Mallory Dominey (Parent) ● Tierra Steadham (Parent) ● Angela Dennis (Teacher) 				
	Visitors Present: None				
	Absent Committee Members: Dia Tucker (Business - Parent), Shanett Davis (Teacher)				
	Members on the Committee Principal, Parents, Teachers				

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action Items/Questions
Call to Order:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Twyla Barkley ● 8:00 am ● Pledge of Allegiance 	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Barkley.
Visitors/Parents/Teachers Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Council Members ● Recognition of visitors/guests 	<p>Mr. Tucker attempted several times to join the meeting but was experiencing technical difficulties.</p> <p>No visitors or guests were present.</p>
Review of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Dennis read the minutes from the October 5th meeting. 	<p>Minutes were approved by Council Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are still waiting on the presentation from Stefon Plummer from the School Council Meeting that was held virtually on September 26, 2023. We will schedule a makeup session to view the meeting with Stefon Plummer.
Updates from Dr. Twyla Barkley, Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donuts for Dads - We had about 200 dads in attendance. ○ Lion Cluster Fridays - Luella HS student athletes and cheerleaders join us to greet our Lion Cubs during morning arrival. ○ Curriculum Night was a huge success. Parents met with teachers and received grade level specific information about the curriculum, instruction, assessments, school expectations, grading policy, and more. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cluster Highlights from Georgia Milestones Gains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LES 3rd Grade Reading +4 ▪ LES 3rd Grade ELA +6 ▪ LES 3rd Grade Math +1 ▪ LES 4th Grade Reading +14 ▪ LES 4th Grade ELA +2 ▪ LES 4th Grade Math +3 ▪ LES 5th Grade Reading +2 ▪ LES 5th Grade Math +2 ▪ LES 5th Grade Science +15 o Peyton Hamilton and Jessa Freeman were recognized at the Superintendent Art Gallery. o Luella HS Student Athlete Advisory Council helped at our Fall Festival. o The 3rd Grade Team Mrs. Dominey, our School Council President, and Mrs. Blankenship earned gold stars for their amazing ELA Formative results. o Mr. Kyle Sears read to our Kindergarten and MOID classes on Read Across Henry Day. o PBIS Town Hall Meeting o We celebrated our bus drivers on October 22, 2023. o Our very own Mrs. McKinney is part of the Community Leadership Academy. o Mrs. Williams, our TOTY was honored with flowers and a parade. Shewa also honored at the district's TOTY celebration. o Our Picture Bowl Club won 3rd place at the district competition. The club sponsor is Mrs. Freeman. Congratulations to those students and Mrs. Freeman. 	
OLD BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
NEW BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming School Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Luella Cluster Conversation will take place November 2nd at 9:30 at Luella HS. o November 7th the students are out of school. It is a Professional Development Day for teachers. o The Thanksgiving Break is November 20-24, 2023 o Early Release Day-December 20, 2023 ● Important Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Arrival Times for Students/Tardies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have a lot of students that are coming to school late. Communication was sent out to parents. If the student is tardy (after 7:35 am), please escort the student inside the building and check them in the front office. School personnel will end their car rider duties at 7:35 am. o Cell Phones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students are prohibited from using cellphones during class. All phones should be powered off and left in their book bags until the end of the day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Barkley and the Admin Team are standing in the lobby greeting parents and reminding them of the importance of getting students to school on time. ● It was suggested that Dr. Barkley inform the parents that when students are tardy, they miss breakfast, instruction, MTSS interventions, specials, and lunch choice. All of these factors contribute or predict how that student's day will be. It causes most students to start their day off bad and that is not what we want. ● It was suggested that Dr. Barkley obtain the tardy report from Ms. Busby to see if it is the same students who are coming to school late. Maybe we can do some kind of incentive to cut down on the tardies. ● School Council Members commented on the constant texting and sending pictures. Students are constantly calling other students during instructional time. Students are using inappropriate language in group text messages and on social media. ● If students have an iPhone, parents can utilize "Screen Time" and set boundaries of what they can see, how long they can use apps, what contacts they can talk to, what contacts they can add, what apps they can download or delete, having a set time to when their phones are turned off- this they can use to set a screen time for their phones to be



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		<p>off during school and can turn on at 2:15 when they reach the bus.</p> <p>Apple watches don't take photos; however, it has an option where you can set your phone somewhere facing a certain direction and you can control the camera with the watch itself.</p> <p>A handout at a community safety meeting advised parents about apps the superintendent and school safety officials said should not be on their children's phones.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that Dr. Barkley remind parents of the safety concern of students wearing slides, bubble shoes and Crocs (without the strap). • The next school council meeting is December 7, 2023 at 8:00 am. We will meet virtually. School Council Meetings will be held on the first Thursdays of the month.
<p>Meeting Adjourned:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 am. 	