Minutes

November 13, 2025 5:15-6:15 PM

Jr./Sr. High School Library

Present: Shannon Vollaro, Dana Kramer, Tory Richey, Heather Walma, Fredi Beck, Becca Lambert, Brigitte Strawmatt, Cat Becker, Bethany Geist, Aidan Graham, Midian Stump

- I. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 5:13
 - A. Opening remarks Will try to keep meeting to one hour
 - B. Attendance see "Present" above
- II. Welcome & Celebrations
 - A. Recognize recent successes and achievements Wrapped up fall sports, members of band attended a honor band, more are auditioning for State next week, soccer wrapped up,
 - B. What is coming up in winter sports and activities JR HS basketball almost done; hockey started on Tuesday; we will sell school swag at games at the Swag Shack and that's almost ready; next week is 10 play festival in Mrs. Spornak's classroom (Black Box Theater); Key Club is prepping for Christmas with Santa on Dec. 6th; Beta Club will be doing a food drive; National Society, STUCO, and Student Leadership will be doing service projects; Brigitte said Kiwanis has funds to award to non-profits, apply online at the Kiwanis chapter
- III. Agenda Review
 - A. Overview of today's discussion topics
 - B. Additions or adjustments None
- IV. Discussion Items
 - A. Performance

- 1. UIP this document discusses data from last year and what we are doing to improve; has a focus on Math and Special Education; we're holding Math curriculum meetings in our school and with Math teachers District wide; we're adding a Math teacher for semester two; providing additional training to teachers for Gradient; high quality instruction and materials is a focus; research based lesson development; we'll reevaluate after this year to adjust if needed; discussed the difference between Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions (Tier 1 interventions are performed in the classroom, Tier 2 interventions are performed outside of the classroom in the form of additional help, resources, education, etc.; discussion of achievement vs. growth scores; aiming for a 95% participation rate on state testing; discussed ideas to incentivize students to come and test; the opting out process requires a parent to come to the school and show their ID, we might a copy of it and attach it to the opt-out form that they sign, some complained about this procedure, there were a large number of students who did not come to school on testing day but they will test when they return to school; iReady, CMAS, PSAT, SAT, NMSQT, AP, ACT, ASVAB are all tests that we administer; discussion about how we can reward those that took the tests
- 2. Academic updates and CMAS results NA
- Waiver for student participation and where CDE is on update -NA

B. Safety

 Recent and upcoming lockdown drill updates - lockdown drill occurred today, a few classes had lights one, one class was confused about lockdown vs. hold, the most recent guideline is that law enforcement wants to be able to see in a classroom through a window if there is one so no covers are permitted, a few doors were left opened; will have a debrief as an Admin

team and with the staff; lockdown drills happen 2x a year; other drills occur throughout the year including a monthly fire drill; next lockdown drill will be coordinated with the local law enforcement

2. Review of safety procedures and communication plans - families are notified of a drill; we have two security officers that float back and forth between our schools; Dan is new this week; Larry B. is a part-time Campus Monitor here daily; WPSD is also available to us if we need them

C. Community Engagement

- 1. Food Drive planning and coordination we are giving 50 backpacks to students in need tomorrow; District is receiving donations and storing at Gateway and sending boxes of food home before Thanksgiving and distributing to different foodbanks as a coordinated effort with other agencies in Teller County; discussion about a weekly backpack program going forward; student leadership groups will be helping to pass out food on the 24th
- 2. Color Run Fundraiser logistics and volunteers NA
- 3. Parent Academy updates and participation discussion about the school having a quarterly or monthly Parent Academy to educate them on things like Gradient, Infinite Campus, scholarships available to seniors; poll the parents for what they would like to learn; offer a meal
- 4. School Survey overview and timeline NA
- D. Budget NA

V. Principal's Report

A. CLAW Survey results and implications - CLAW is "Collaborative Leaders at Work"; a building leadership group made up of Admin, teachers, and staff; the group surveyed the staff to get their feedback on how they're feeling, what stresses them out, what improvements

they would like to see, etc.; teachers having one Plan period instead of two is a stressor on time; classes transitioning from a block schedule to a period schedule is difficult for some specialized classes; teachers also have an increased number of classes to prep for this year because they're teaching 7-12 grades; CLAW is looking at different scheduling options for next year and working to address other issues like communication, procedures, climate, and culture

- B. Discussion of Gateway it's being utilized by our ProStart culinary classes, the District's SWAP program, the District's Transitions education program, storage, testing, weekend SAT test, and athletics practices; the goal is to grow our CTE program and offer more of those out of Gateway and perhaps home-school student enrichment programming; we have a grant to run a pop-up restaurant 2nd semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays during one period where ProStart students will make the meals and SWAP and Transitions students will work the front of the house and will serve lunch to community members at Gateway
- C. School-wide updates NA
- D. Staff highlights and upcoming initiatives NA
- VI. Teacher's Report
 - A. Classroom highlights and challenges NA
 - B. Suggestions for SAC support NA
- VII. Topic Suggestions for Next Meeting suggestion to include on this agenda a report from the DAC meetings; question from member about why our graduation numbers have dipped under the state average and is less than previous years; discussion about credit recovery programs that we offer
- VIII. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 6:20
 - A. Next meeting date and time confirmation January 22, 2026 at 5:15