**Lawton Chiles High School**

**School Advisory Council Meeting**

**October 29, 2024, In Person, 6 PM ET**

**Voting Members Present**

Administration - Joe Burgess, Calli Pickens

Parents – Angie Davis, Beth Jackson, Rian Meadows, Pricilla Beckley, Allie Fleming, Kuolla Butler

Chair - Martha Cummings

Secretary - Nia Wellendorf

DAC Representative –

BAC Representative -

PTO Representative –

Support Staff – Nicola Miller, Rosina Lopez

Faculty –Lisa Donaldson

Parent Liaison – Jessica Oyster

Community Partners –

Student SGA – Alexie Thomas

**Voting Members Excused**

Arzu Leushuis, Kimberly Owen, Lisa Urban, Chris Chaback, Anna Marie Friars, Lynn Schuster

**Voting Members Not Present**

Becky Bandy, Sabah Bissainthe, Sarah Latimer, Jennifer Portero, Bridgette Robinson, Jim Navarro, Kelly O’Rourke, Grace Bigelow

**Guests Present**

none

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Chair Cummings. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. WELCOME
   1. Minutes from 9/24/24 approved: Motion – Beckley, Second - Meadows
   2. Agenda approved: Motion – Davis, Second – Meadows
2. REPORTS TO BE HEARD
   1. Mr. Burgess introduced Ms. Lopez, the new bookkeeper who had not been present at the August meeting. Mr Burgess then reported the activities at Chiles since his last report in August, and activities to look forward to this Fall.
      1. Chiles hosted approximately 280 people when it served as a storm shelter during Hurricane Helene.
      2. Fall concerts are going on and complete.
      3. Senior parents night
      4. Fall holiday
      5. Homecoming had to be rescheduled due to the storm, but was a great success. Kudos to the SGA.
      6. PSAT
      7. Bullying prevention month
      8. Coming up:
         1. 10/30 – A/B Honor Roll celebration lunch (PTO provides lunch)
         2. 10/30 - Senior panoramic photo (rescheduled due to hurricane)
         3. 10/30 – Freshmen parent night
         4. 10/31 - Hallway decorating contest. Teachers compete for the best hallway decorations. This event raises funds to send holiday care packages to former Chiles students serving in the military.
         5. 11/4 – PTO meeting. Mr. Aaron Clark will attend to provide an overview of the testing that occurs at Chiles and to answer parent questions.
         6. 11/7 – DAC meeting
         7. 11/11 – Veterans Day holiday. The Chiles band will perform in the Veterans Day parade.
         8. 11/13 – Progress reports
         9. Thanksgiving holidays
         10. 12/2 – Some Chiles students will participate in the Lay Wreaths Around America event at the Capitol to honor fallen soldiers.
         11. 12/18 – PTO will hold an appreciation luncheon for staff.
         12. Sophomore/Junior parents night will be held in February.
   2. SGA Updates (Ms. Donaldson, Ms. Thomas)
      1. The Homecoming pep rally, dance, and game went well. SGA sold > 1,000 tickets.
      2. SGA hosted Pink Week for breast cancer awareness, and raised $800.
      3. 10/31 – SGA is hosting a blood drive, and there will be a competition between Chiles and Leon (OneBlood will provide a trophy to the winner).
      4. 11/5 – SGA will host Kids Voting in the IRC. The Junior League will count the votes on 11/6).
   3. No DAC report
   4. Site Update (Nicky Miller) – The Site Committee approved the Dance Marathon Miracle Minute event, to be held in February.
   5. PTO Updates
      1. Brick fundraiser ongoing – open to Seniors and Juniors
      2. There is an ongoing fundraiser where Seniors can paint their parking spots.
      3. PTO will coordinate the Honor Roll lunch on 10/30 for ~ 1,100 students, with 66 pizzas ordered, drinks and snacks donated, and 25 parent volunteers.
      4. PTO will request $10 gift cards from parents to give to staff during the 12/18 holiday lunch.
   6. No BAC report
3. OLD BUSINESS (none)
4. NEW BUSINESS – Chiles recently received a prestigious award from the Florida Department of Education. Congratulations!
5. ADJORN 6:35 PM: Motion – Fleming, Second – Jackson.

Next meeting 11/19/24.



Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_10/29/24\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_January 28, 2025\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Motion to Accept 1st: K. Owen

Motion to Accept 2nd: K. O’Rouke