



Lawton Chiles High School
School Advisory Council Meeting
August 27, 2024, In Person, 6 PM ET

Voting Members Present

Administration - Joe Burgess, Calli Pickens

Parents – Becky Bandy, Arzu Leushuis, Kimberly Owen, Pricilla Beckley, Allie Fleming, Lisa Urban, Kuolla Butler

Chair - Martha Cummings (elected 8/27/24)

Secretary - Nia Wellendorf

DAC Representative – Chris Chaback, Sarah Latimer, Jennifer Portero

BAC Representative -

PTO Representative – Jim Navarro

Support Staff – Nicola Miller

Faculty – Lisa Donaldson, Anna Marie Friars, Lynn Schuster

Parent Liaison – Jessica Oyster

Community Partners – Martha Cummings

Student SGA – Mia Stout, Alexie Thomas

Voting Members Not Present

Wesley White, Sabah Bissainthe, Angie Davis, Beth Jackson, Rian Meadows, Brigitte Robinson, Kelly O'Rourke, Grace Bigelow, Rosina Lopez

Guests Present

Kevin Jacques, Davana Floriani

Meeting called to order at 6:06 by Principal Joe Burgess.

1. WELCOME

- a. Agenda approved: Motion – Chaback, Second – Navarro
- b. Minutes from 4/30/24 approved with corrected spelling of faculty name (Mr. German):
Motion – Chaback, Second – Friars

- c. Mr. Burgess welcomed the faculty, staff, and parents present. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. All present introduced themselves and shared their role on the SAC.
- d. Mr. Burgess stated that the previous chair, Wesley White, would no longer be able to serve. Martha Cummings was nominated and approved to be the 2024-25 SAC Chair: Motion – Chaback, Second – Bandy.

2. REPORTS TO BE HEARD

- a. Ms. Cummings described the purpose of the SAC.
- b. Mr. Burgess reported the many activities at Chiles since his last report in April.
 - i. Workforce development ceremony
 - ii. New bookkeeper hired – Rosina Lopez
 - iii. Convocation (rescheduled due to the tornado)
 - iv. Senior walks – new tradition where seniors go back to their elementary schools and walk in their cap and gowns.
 - v. Senior picnic
 - vi. Best and Brightest Awards
 - vii. Fallen Timberwolves Ceremony
 - viii. Spring Sports signing
 - ix. Graduation
 - x. Implementation of HB 1473, which contained new school safety requirements. Now schools must have only one point of entry whenever students are on campus, including after hours and weekends. Chiles has hired new staff to oversee campus access until 10 PM on school days. Plans are underway to provide some weekend access.
 - xi. There was a change in law regarding name and image likeness (NIL) for high school students. Students will now be allowed to make money in association with their accomplishments (sports, other). The school must be notified, but funds may not pass through the school.
 - xii. An updated cell phone policy was implemented. Student phones must be put away during class unless teachers request use, but may be used at lunchtime and before and after school.
 - xiii. New staff/teacher meeting (~130 staff)
 - xiv. Active assailant training and drill.
 - xv. Student tours for parents and students.
 - xvi. Club Rush.
 - xvii. Meeting for parents of gifted students.
 - xviii. Coming up:
 - 1. Labor Day holiday 9/2
 - 2. PTO meeting 9/9
 - 3. FAST testing 9/10
 - 4. Chiles Open House on 9/16
 - 5. DAC meeting 9/19
 - 6. Homecoming game 9/26, dance 9/27
- c. Mr. Burgess reviewed the purpose of the DAC.
- d. Mr. Burgess reviewed the purpose of the BAC.

- e. SGA Updates
 - i. Senior Sunrise event went well
 - ii. SGA is starting Fun Fridays to provide fun activities for underclassmen at lunchtime.
 - iii. SGA is planning the Homecoming pep rally, ceremony, and dance.
- f. PTO Updates
 - i. A new PTO board was elected, including president Jim Navarro.
 - ii. There are still open positions, including Volunteer Coordinator
 - iii. Brick fundraiser ongoing – open to Seniors and Juniors
- g. SITE Update
 - i. Ms. Schuster provided an overview of the functions of SITE, which include approving fundraiser requests, allocating supplemental funds to club sponsor staff.
 - ii. Chiles earned an A+ rating last year, which earned the school a stipend from the County. The SITE committee created a proposal to distribute the funds equally among all 2023-2024 staff, as is traditionally done. Ms. Schuster requested approval of this plan from the SAC.
 - iii. SAC approves the SITE plan for disbursement of funds: Motion – Navarro, Second – Fleming
- 3. OLD BUSINESS (none)
- 4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Current DAC representatives are Jennifer Portero and Sarah Latimer. No updates to report.
 - b. Ms. Pickens provided an update on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which is an annual state-mandated plan to improve upon student academic achievement. Teachers and administrator identify areas where changes are needed, and strategies to address those areas. A draft list of SIP Goals was provided to SAC members.

SAC members discussed the importance of student social, emotional, and physical well-being, and the various ways the school works to address those needs, although they are not part of the SIP.
 - c. No budget items to review/report.
- 5. ADJOURN 7:40 PM: Motion – Chaback, Second – Bandy.
Next meeting 9/24/24.

Signed by: Nijole Wellendorf
SAC Secretary – N. Wellendorf

Date: 8/29/2024

Minutes Approved on: 9/24/24

Motion to Accept 1st: Approved via email Proxy 9/24/24

Motion to Accept 2nd: _____