



Our Mission

Corley Elementary will foster a safe, respectful learning community that promotes engaging and challenging instruction where students can apply their knowledge to the real world.



Our Vision

Corley Elementary students will develop foundational skills to address challenges through collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity to become successful lifelong learners ready for college and career.



Our Core Beliefs

- Foster a positive and safe learning environment
- Promote a culture of learning
- Ensure families are an essential part of student success
- Support student learning with challenging and effective instruction
- Inspire all students to achieve their highest potential
- Develop critical thinkers and problem solvers

Corley Elementary School School Council Election Meeting August 28, 2023

Members Present

- Aleshia Duckworth– **Principal, Corley Elementary**
- Gregory Jackson- **Assistant Principal, Corley Elementary**
- Keisha Blythers – **Certified Teacher, Corley Elementary**
- Lilly Houston- **PTA Representative**
- Rosila Rojas-**Parent**
- Gretel Gillen de Mari-**Parent**
- Silvestre Perez-**Parent**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Aleshia Duckworth- Corley Elementary School Principal at 8:06 AM.

Introductions

- **Mrs. Duckworth** welcomed everyone to the meeting and allowed all present members to introduce themselves, discussed future meeting dates, and provided an overview of materials in the folder.



School Council Organization and Procedure

- **Mrs. Duckworth** discussed School Council components via ppt." School Council Organization" and each council member had a copy of the document. We reviewed Bylaws and our meeting was centered on the discussion of the purpose of the Local School Council. **Mrs. Duckworth** encouraged the council to share their ideas about best practices to support our school by sharing our advice and recommendations to all stakeholders (principal, board, cluster, and area superintendents).

Mrs. Duckworth shared the mission of school councils (to focus on student achievement), how we can accomplish our mission, topics councils can discuss, student learning, local school board policies, and communication and collaboration.

Mr. Jackson shared information on All Pro Dad program centered around character development which will have 4 meetings during the school year.

Mrs. Duckworth- Opened the floor for any questions. No questions were asked by the council. Mrs. Duckworth continued the meeting sharing what the school council is legally authorized to do, additional school council responsibilities, expectations for all members. **Mrs. Duckworth-** Asked the council, "*How can we get more parents involved.*" **Mrs. Houston** shared that she thought about going to the apartment complexes to get the word out and maybe putting information the apartments newsletters or information center if they have one.

School Council Membership

- **Mrs. Duckworth-** Shared with the council who serves on the council, how teachers and parents are elected, elections, selecting business and other members, the term of the school council, when does a vacancy occurs and how it is filled, and who the officers of the council are. **Mrs. Duckworth** Also shared that we would hold off on electing the open position until the September 11th.

- ❖ **Mr. Jackson** Pointed out that there was a type o on PowerPoint slide 38 in the first bullet.



Mrs. Duckworth acknowledged the mistake and continued the meeting discussing each role of the officers: The Principal, Vice Chairperson, Secretary

Conducting Business

- **Mrs. Duckworth** discussed the following: Quorum, Bylaws, Choices Defined In Bylaws, Meetings, and Voting. Next **Mrs. Duckworth**- Gave a Pop Quiz question- *How many affirmative votes are required to pass a motion with four members present?* A.1.B.2 C.3 D.4
 - ❖ **Mr. Jackson** answered the question with C as a correct response.

Mrs. Duckworth- Asked members what topics would we like to be discussed on our September meeting agenda? PTA was the one topic that was brought up by Silvestre Perez.

- ❖ **Mr. Jackson**- Shared that we have 40 members in the PTA.

Mrs. Duckworth discussed how Agenda items are added, Minutes, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Open Meetings

- **Mrs. Duckworth** discussed School Council Meetings and Violations of the Open Meetings Act.

Open Records

- **Mrs. Duckworth**- Shared the school council records and confidentiality law related to the records. **Mrs. Duckworth**-Shared again that we would vote on council positions at our September 11th meeting.
 - ❖ **Mr. Perez**- Asked if members could receive a copy of past minutes from the school council meetings last year.
 - ❖ **Mr. Jackson**-Will follow up with Zel to provide all members of the council with past meeting minutes.



Effectiveness of School Councils

- **Mrs. Duckworth** shared what school councils do and can do. She also spoke on School Council Evaluation.

Council Input and Discussion

- The group discussed ways to involve the parents more and get them engaged in helping with the projects around the school.
 - ❖ **Ms. Gretel-** Spoke on parents setting up tents to promote their businesses at school events like the Trunk or Treat.
 - ❖ **Mr. Perez** mentioned that he knew of other schools that had mandatory community service hours for parents to support school initiatives.
 - ❖ **Mr. Jackson** spoke to the fact that this school year we may want to look at parents setting up their cars for the Trunk or Treat event at the school.
 - ❖ Facebook or Parent Square were discussed as possible tools that could be used for Corley's PTA and getting the word out about all of the things taking place at the school. As well as sharing parent volunteer opportunities.
 - ❖ **Mrs. Duckworth** shared that we could use The Corley Cheer as a means for communicating these topics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59A.M. by Aleshia Duckworth.

Upcoming School Events

- **Curriculum Night-** August 31st
- **Back To School Pep Rally-** September 1st
- **Gifted Parent Meeting-** September 7th
- **Grandparents Breakfast-** September 11th

Scheduled Council Meetings

Date	Time	Location
September 11, 2023	9:00-10:00 AM	Corley Elementary
November 16, 2023	8:00-9:00 AM	Berkmar High School
February 12, 2024	9:00-10:00 AM	Corley Elementary
March 11, 2024	9:00-10:00 AM	Corley Elementary (Zoom)