



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 Meeting May 13, 2024

Members Present

- Aleshia Duckworth- Principal (Corley)
- Greg Jackson- Assistant Principal (Corley)
- Keisha Blythers Jackson- Gifted Instructional Coach (Corley)
- Lilly Houston- 4th Grade Teacher/ PTA Representative (Corley)
- Gretel Guillen de Mari- Parent
- Silvestre Perez- Parent (PTA Representative)
- Dominique Stateman- 5th grade teacher and Teacher of the Year (Corley)

Call to Order:

Aleshia Duckworth- Corley Elementary School Principal, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Introductions

Principal Duckworth discussed the school year's theme: Building the BRIDGE with Belonging. She also shared that next year's district theme will involve **Impact**.



Review of Minutes

- ❖ Berkmar Schools Presentation
- ❖ Parent Discussions
- ❖ Berkmar High School Tour

New Business

❖ **Portrait of a Graduate**

Principal Duckworth shared a picture collage of the school's events connected to the Portrait of a Graduate. She also said we brought the Berkmar High School graduates back again this school year to celebrate their graduation with a schoolwide parade.

❖ **Enrollment Information**

Mr. Jackson shared the current enrollment and its breakdown by various categories. He also discussed the attendance rates and how we will continue to work with our school counselors to increase them. We are working to decrease the number of students who fall between the 11-15 days absent category. Mr. Jackson shared a table with information for the council, including Program enrollment, Student attendance, and Student ethnicity.

❖ **Multilingual Learners Updates**

Mr. Jackson shared the number of M.L. students by grade level and that 67% of the student population receives resources. Mr. Jackson also discussed the topics listed below.

- ❖ Morning Program
- ❖ Family Engagement Center
- ❖ WIDA Staff Training



❖ **Gifted Updates**

Mrs. Jackson shared updates on the current number of Gifted students and those in the evaluation process. She also explained how these numbers are connected to our LSPI. Mrs. Jackson showed three STEAM Academy Saturday Enrichment program highlight videos from our second-semester session. The Spelling Bee and National Junior Beta Club were discussed, and pictures from these events were featured. Mrs. Jackson shared additional information about the Gifted Student of the Year was also shared.

Events at Corley

❖ **Instructional Leadership Team**

Mr. Jackson shared that this year, we have as members of the ILT inclusive of the Head Custodian, Cafeteria Manager, and School Administrative Assistant. We reviewed our calendar for next year for the 2024-2025 school year.

❖ **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Mr. Jackson shared that we celebrated our teachers. He shared highlights from the week and how PTA supported this week. GASP provided the staff with Tiff Treats cookies.

❖ **Black History Month**

Mr. Jackson spoke about increasing our cultural awareness at Corley by celebrating events like this.

❖ **Read Across America**

Mr. Jackson shared that this event is done to celebrate literacy.

❖ **Career Week**

Mr. Jackson shared that we allow students to learn about careers they may have later in life through events like Career Week.



❖ **Shamrock Shake**

Mr. Jackson shared information about the Shamrock Shake, a great community event that allowed the students and their families to have fun dancing at school. He also discussed how the PTA was able to sell items at this event that added to the fun.

❖ **Women's History Month**

Mr. Jackson spoke about the importance of events like this and ensuring we celebrate them.

PTA Updates

- ❖ Teacher Appreciation Week: The PTA provided flowers for \$1 for students to purchase for their teachers. They also provided coffee, doughnuts, and fruit for the staff to celebrate the excellent work our teachers at Corley do daily.
- ❖ On May 16th, the PTA will sell flowers for \$1 at the Kindergarten graduation.
- ❖ On May 22nd, at the 5th-grade picnic, the PTA will sell concessions.

Blueprint for the Future

Mr. Jackson shared the chart with the council and discussed how our LSPI is aligned with these areas.



LSPI Goals

Mr. Jackson shared how our goals are attached to the Blueprint for the Future. He also spoke about our 90-day review with our Cluster Superintendent.

Mr. Jackson talked about **Empathy 1. B-** Staff and Student well-being, **Equity 2. A-** Multi-tiered System of Supports and **Equity 2. B-** Opportunity and Access, **Effectiveness 3 . A-** Results Based Evaluation System, **Excellence 4 . A-** Preferred Education Destination, Family Engagement/ Building Capacity and the breakdown of each category and what falls under each category. Mr. Jackson highlighted some of the events we have done that are connected to our LSPI goals.

Upcoming School Events

- ❑ **May 14th:** International Night
- ❑ **May 16th:** Kindergarten Ceremony
- ❑ **May 21st:** 5th Grade Ceremony @Berkmar High School

Questions/Announcements/Other Information/ Feedback

- ❖ Principal Duckworth opened the floor to questions.
- ❖ Mr. Perez spoke about his concern about vaping in schools and what support could be provided (e.g., a speaker) to provide students with more information on the dangers of this and how we can support it. Mr. Jackson spoke about a program called "The Great Program," supported by the county(GCPS) SRO. This year, we had three classes participate in this program. Mr. Jackson spoke about this program and how we look to expand the classes participating in the 2024-2025 school year.
- ❖ Mr. Perez inquired, "How can we get more community members involved in the PTA meeting?" Mr. Jackson explained the two types of meetings (Executive and General) and thanked Principal Duckworth for her shared vision and leadership in bringing a PTA to Corley.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM by Principal Duckworth.