



**Covington MS FAA**  
**Campus Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**



**August 15, 2018**

I. Call to Order/Review Minutes (2 minutes)

*Members in attendance -*

*Gloria Franco, Jeff Armstrong, Laura Ludwig, Joanna Brown, Brad Angermeier, Laura Orlando, Santiago Casiano, Dawn Piper, Ana Lawrence, Tai Choice, Rosa Waters, Carla Trautwein*

**Corrections to Last Year's Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Dawn Piper was mistakenly marked absent.

Laurie Hunter was also present but not listed in attendance.

II. Citizens' Communication (if needed) (5-10 minutes)  
None

III. D.A.C./District Report (5-7 minutes)

• Principal Message and Priorities-

Our principal, Tai Choice, shared the superintendent's theme "Welcome Home." All of our students, staff, and community are welcome; we want everyone to feel at home. She also shared that the district's focus is on literacy. Covington's focus will be, too.

Related to STAAR:

Ms. Choice said Covington did great in a lot of areas and showed growth in most except 7<sup>th</sup> writing, but we will be supporting writing at all grade levels and in all subject areas as part of our overall focus on literacy.

IV. C.A.C. 2018-19 Membership Update & Meeting Day/Time (5 minutes)

**Introductions New Members:**

**Teachers:** Santiago Casiano (7<sup>th</sup> ELAR) , Laura Ludwig (Special Education), and Laura Orlando (6<sup>th</sup> ELAR); welcome!

**Administration:** Tai Choice is our new principal; welcome!

**Parents:** Jeff Armstrong and Ana Lawrence; welcome!

**\*Parent Notes:** Christina Erickson has moved. We will need to fill her position.  
Carrie Cothran-Williams is absent, but will be here next time  
Ryan Smith was recently asked to join, and he accepted. He will join us next time.

*Propose dates for CAC Meetings this school year:*

**Meeting Times:**

Last Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m.

- September 25 should be our first meeting
- October 30
- November 22
- No December meeting
- January 29
- February 26
- March 26
- April 23
- May 14

**Enrollment:** It is up.

**Staffing:** As a result of our increased enrollment, we have a third counselor. She will be sixth grade. Dr. Sellers will be 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Watterson will be 8<sup>th</sup>.

We have an instructional coach position that opened up over the summer. One of our current English teachers, Cindy Penny, accepted the position. She will be held in her class as an 8<sup>th</sup>-grade ELAR teacher until that position is filled. We also have a librarian position open.

V. PTA Report (5-7 minutes)

- Budget Balance and Expenditure Plans – new tee shirts are available! For sale for \$15.
  - Colt Roundup-planning a silent auction fund raiser, and PTA is inviting all departments and organizations to make baskets for the auction.
  - Reflections Contest: theme is “Heroes Among Us.” Students can submit a dance, poem, musical composition, etc. Mrs. Franco said we can submit flyers the first week of school. Winners will be announced in the fall, and we will have an awards’ assembly with potluck. Dates to be announced.
- PTA donated \$5000 toward a new marquee! Ms. Choice said our bookkeeper, Laura Teague, said we have to submit all bids downtown so they can vet

companies. Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Teague completed much of the front-end work, including design.

- Don's Barbeque will cater first day of school for teachers. Thank you PTA.

VI. Campus Improvement Planning/ Student Achievement (18 minutes)

- **Update on Construction:** It is coming together! Ms. Choice said the ceiling tiles on the second floor should be in place by the first week of school.

The theater foyer and the C-building have some areas of concern. Mr. Angermeier said the updates in his room are amazing, but there is still much work to be done. Ms. Choice said she will continue to monitor areas of concern and come up with alternate plan if needed; however, we have been assured all areas will be ready by next week.

District housekeeping staff will provide additional help to our campus over the weekend to ensure readiness.

**Mrs. Waters reported on safety:**

She said that blueprints show gates between the main building and C building are planned along with walls with open area at top and gates between main building and Fine Arts and a bubble modification to funnel visitors through West Office.

- **STAAR Results (3 minutes):**

Ms. Choice reported. Results:

6th reading

2017 - 59%

2018 - 59%

6th math

2017 - 61%

2018 - 74%

7th reading

2017 - 71%

2018 - 70%

7th writing

2017 - 66%

2018 - 57%

7th math

2017 - 52%

2018 - 58%

8th reading

2017 - 85%

2018 - 85%

8th social studies

2017 - 64%

2018 - 72%

8th math

2017 - 78%

2018 - 82%

8th science

2017 - 75%

2018 - 74%

Ms. Choice reiterated that literacy is not only a campus but a district focus. All subjects and grade levels will be supporting it.

VII. Questions/Concerns (2 minutes)

Carla Trautwein requested that an Eagle Scout project bench be located and reinstalled into the courtyard.

VIII. Next Agenda Items:

Next Meeting: 4:00 pm on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (5 minutes)

### **Recent & Upcoming Campus Events (3-5 minutes)**

#### **September 4, 2018**

From 4:30 to 5:00, sped welcome back. Students and parents

From 5 to 6 Colt Roundup (organizations set up tables and booths, etc)

From 6 to 8 in classrooms with teachers

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