SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

Liberty Elementary

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2026, at 7:40 a.m.

Attendance and Meeting Information

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:50 AM by the chair, Janice Harvey.

Welcome: Members and guests were welcomed. There were 13 of 16 members in attendance, so a quorum was present.

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES (SEPTEMBER 2026)

Review: The September 2026 SAC meeting minutes were presented for review.

Motion: Janice Harvey moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Michelle Scott seconded the motion. Members agreed, and the minutes were approved.

NEW WORLDS READING PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Presenter: Ms. Tannenbaum

- The program began about four years ago and is available in multiple Florida counties for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Books and cooking activities were described as free to participating families.
- The program connects literacy, including fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary, with nutrition, movement, creativity, and cooking.
- The New Worlds Reading Initiative serves eligible students below grade level through fifth grade in public and charter schools.
- Students may receive nine new books per year. Books are B.E.S.T.-aligned, available in multiple languages, and include interactive reading guides.
- Tier 2 instruction was discussed as a support for eligible students.
- Students who become on level may continue receiving books through fifth grade.
- Approximately 91.1% of eligible Liberty Elementary students participate in the program.
- Participating students reportedly scored up to 15% higher on PM3 than eligible students who did not receive the program.

- A parent component teaches a skill each week, and weekly book challenges connect to the curriculum.

- The 12-week program includes diabetes-prevention lessons, demonstrations, healthy recipes, literacy through cooking, and dinner together.
- Space is limited. Spring-session enrollment is due by November 17.

Anticipated outcomes: Increased nutrition security, improved mealtime behavior, improved reading instruction, and increased parenting confidence.

III. VOTING FOR THE SCHOOL MISSION, VISION, AND MOTTO

Discussion: The council reviewed and discussed wording for the school mission, vision, and motto. Notes emphasized a safe learning environment, academic success, critical thinkers, and preparing students to become responsible citizens.

Proposed mission statement: Liberty Elementary empowers all students to achieve academic excellence, think critically, solve problems, and become responsible citizens through a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment.

Revision notes: The council discussed condensing the statement into one sentence and considered adding wording related to preparing students for space or field-based opportunities.

Vote record: Motion by: Janice Harvey to approve the revised mission vision and motto. It was Second by Vernitra Williams.

IV. SCHOOL OVERVIEW & CURRENT STATUS

Principal's Report:

- The principal's priorities include science and strategic intervention.
- PM2 testing was noted for December.
- A new fifth-grade teacher was hired.
- Two staff members resigned from ELA/social studies positions.
- The school is working to place a permanent monitor for students in need of support.

School Safety & Climate (SESIR and Behavior Incidents): There are 90 referrals to date. 15 referrals over the past month for disruptive behaviors and low-level battery. One incident was reported to the state which involved medication brought to school.

Title I Updates: Chick Fila provided a light breakfast with staff and shared customer service best practices.

PTA Updates: 200 tickets were sold for the Fall festival. The Fall festival was a success. Movie night is scheduled for November 13, 2026. The holiday shop will open from December 7-December 17. The book fair might be in the spring

V. REVIEW OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

SIP/Title 1 Addendum: The 26-27 School Improve Plan and Title 1 Addendum was reviewed. Teachers, parents and the community were provided an opportunity for input. No input was provided by teachers, parents or the community.

Positive Behavior Plan: Discussion/updates: No updates

Parent and Community Engagement: Discussion/updates: No updates

VI. BUDGET OVERVIEW & SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY FUNDS

Report: The accountability budget is $0 at this time

Action taken: We are waiting for the district to install the benches that were purchased last year.

VII. SAF UPDATES

None

VIII. QUESTIONS

Questions/comments: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Janice Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 AM . It was second by Julna Noel.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.