



Hawk's Talk



Thursday, July 18, 2019

Summary of July Board Meeting

The July meeting of the Livingston Board of Trustees opened with administrative reports. LISD Chief Operations Officer Craig Davis presented the discipline data to the board. A comparison was made for the last three years for both Livingston Junior High and Livingston High School campuses and between the elementary campuses. Davis reviewed the different actions given in response to student misbehavior. More disciplinary procedures have been implemented for the transportation department as drivers report misbehavior by bus riders. Bus video is reviewed in the event of any serious incidents. Suspensions from the bus are a result of more serious actions or persistent misbehavior. After referrals are issued to assistant principals parents are contacted at every infraction to help solve problems. The disciplinary actions include student conference, corporal punishment, detention, recess detention, in-school suspension or out of school suspension. The higher-grade levels generally encounter more serious offenses than the lower grade levels. The violations mostly reported in grades 4th-7th include cell phone, dress code, and bus violations.

The student assessment data was presented by the LISD Chief Curriculum Officer Janan Moore. The district accomplishments reflect an increase in 16 out of 20 raw score components in Math, and 4 out of 6 components in Math had increased progress measures. The progress measures are an indicator of student academic growth. Additional data showed an increase of 12 out of 20 raw score components in Reading and 2 out of 6 components in Reading had increased progress measures. One out of 4 raw score components in Writing increased, 5 out of 6 raw score components in Science increased and 3 out of 4 raw score components in Social Studies increased.

Moore outlined the academic focus areas of training which includes increasing academic content knowledge for all teachers, increasing small group



2019 Livingston ISD Convocation

Monday, August 5

First Baptist Church

Doors open at 7:30 am.

Breakfast Served

Program begins at 8:30 am

**Due to limited parking,
Transportation is being
arranged from your
campus to the church**

**Students Return
Wednesday, August 14**

Livingston ISD - Meet the Teacher Thursday, August 8, 2019

All LISD students must complete the registration process before receiving classroom assignment.

Pine Ridge Primary	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Cedar Grove Elementary	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Creekside Elementary	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Timber Creek Elementary	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Livingston Junior High	6th Grade Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School	Class Schedules will be available to pick up from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



instruction with a math lab in math classrooms K-12, implementing balanced literacy Reading/Writing Workshop model in all grades K-12, infusing Guided Reading instruction into all ELA classrooms K-6, increasing Writing across the content areas, using more inclusion/co-teaching models for Special Education students and implementing fidelity technology-based content specific programs. Moore elaborated plans for graphing calculators to be used in 6th, 7th and 8th grades and modeling will be provided as training for teacher improvement. Moore shared new implementations planned for classrooms in the upcoming school year, "Google Expeditions have apps available for virtual labs and virtual field trips for students in grades 4th - 8th and a classroom set of goggles will be issued to each teacher team. Osmo is a manipulative program used with iPads. After seeing the success made by a test group conducted last year, a classroom set of Osmos will be available for Kindergarten and 1st-grade students.

Preliminary Accountability scores rate Livingston ISD with a score of 80 - B. The official accountability ratings will be released in August.

Items approved under the consent agenda include a purchase of a van in the amount of \$36,789 and the replacement of two freezers on the Timber Creek and Cedar Grove Elementary campuses in the amount of \$36,800. The Facility Use Policy Document was edited by omitting the rentals of Livingston Junior High and Timber Creek Elementary campuses due to the type of energy configuration for events on those campuses.

An approved Action Item was the appointment of Krissa Bass as the delegate for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Conference and the alternate will be Scott Paske. Also approved was the district concessions policy which outlined the band boosters will continue with the concessions at Lion Stadium, the athletic booster club will be in charge of concessions for Tennis, Soccer, Track and the LJH gymnasium and the Livingston High School Gym will be designated for other clubs who do not have an established revenue stream as approved by the administration. LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins discussed a meeting which will be held at the beginning of August with Auditors from Axley & Rode, LISD Chief Financial Officer Ben Davidson and representatives from all school-related booster clubs to review the UIL Guidelines and booster club operation guidelines. Hawkins said, "We appreciate the service of these clubs and organizations and their dedication to the students of the district. We will review the requirements of the auditors and the role of each booster club". The booster clubs are required to submit an annual financial report. Based on the new policy, adopted by the board, seventy-five percent of the earnings generated by each booster club will go back to the organization it supports while the remaining 25% may be used as a discretionary fund for scholarships or other expenses in their area.

Also approved by the board was an amendment to the 2019-2020 District Stipend List. The amendment will be a retention stipend for all returning employees. A one-time-only 1% stipend of employee midpoints will be issued to returning employees at the end of November.

#getEXCELLENCE

The 2019-2020 LISD theme will be #getEXCELLENCE. This hashtag was pulled from our district vision statement.

VISION STATEMENT

Livingston ISD...
Empowering and
Inspiring Excellence



We are
LION COUNTRY

For the 2019-2020 school year, instead of a designated college day each month, this year we will be adding additional Lion Spirit Days. On the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, district employees may wear a Lion Spirit shirt which can be collared or a t-shirt with professional bluejeans by making a one-time \$25 annual contribution to the Green & White Scholarship Fund. This contribution will also include Lion Spirit Days with jeans during the two weeks of Flex. We will continue observing each Friday as a blue jean Lion Spirit Day.

LISD

Registration

*The student registration process
has moved online!*

**All current & new
Livingston ISD
students will need
to register for the**



**2019-2020 school year. The process
begins with a once-a-year residency
verification.**

***Registration held at LHS for
All grades Pre-K thru 12***

Wednesday, July 24, 8 am-5 pm

Thursday, July 25, 8 am-5 pm

Monday, July 29, 8 am-6 pm

Tuesday, July 30, 8 am-5 pm

Wednesday, July 31, 8 am-5 pm

Thursday, August 1, 8 am-5 pm

***For more details visit
livingstonisd.com/registration***