

Gateway Elementary School

"Success Begins Here!"

School Improvement Council --- SIC

Agenda - August 28, 2025 @ Noon

In attendance- Susan Stublely, Jake Gambrell, Reagan Landreth, Marcie Bunch, Charity Blackwell, Amanda Link, Betsy Steifle, Kara Garrison

Minutes:

Principal/Assistant Principal:

- Thank you for a GREAT Start
 - We have had a wonderful start to the school year! 😊 We kicked off the year with a "We Listen and We Don't Judge" theme borrowed from Tik-Tok to encourage listening to each other.
- New faces!
 - Excited about our new hires!
- State Report Cards Released on October 10th
 - We've already started pulling data from Spring testing to inform instructional decisions and student support. Additional support through interventionist pushing into classrooms has started.
- LETRS Training
 - Year 2 has started and we are looking forward to completing this year.
- Ongoing benchmark assessments in all grades
- College Football Kickoff Tomorrow for teachers & staff
- Moved schoolwide STEAM day to Friday, September 21, 2025.

IC:

- MAP testing complete for first grade

- K5 is finishing math benchmarking this week in addition to KRA (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment).
- PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) begin next week
 - School leadership will be attending these meetings with teachers and looking for ways to support students where they are.
- Planning days begin next week for teachers.
 - This time is helpful for teachers to work through new Math Standards and continue working through ELA standards that were new last year.

School Counselor:

- We presented 2 Anti-Bullying Assemblies, K5-2nd, 3-5
- Monthly newsletter for families and students, quarterly for staff; new [website](#)
- Bookbag Buddies start next week
 - Permission forms are being collected from families with needs. We are thankful for Cliffs partnerships and support of this program!
- Classroom counseling lessons start next week

Literacy Specialist Report:

- HMH / Amira
 - Continuing to work through learning this new curriculum K5 through 5th grade.
 - AMIRA - AI Generated reading program that students read to on their chromebook that focuses on fluency and reading accuracy. There is a daily tutoring component where students read to Amira each day so that the program gets to know students as readers and the program provides coaching and tutoring exercises with reading accuracy and comprehension.

Teacher (Faculty rep) Report-

- We're excited for the opportunity to host after school enrichment programs!
- Teachers took advantage of summer professional development opportunities to prepare for this school year.

PTA-

- Working hard on clarity for volunteers and getting a strong team for the year/classroom coordinators/Volunteer Training
- Back to school event at The Nest went great
- VIP Lunch moved to November
- 2 big fundraisers this year: Fall Festival and Hopefully Boosterthon
- Hoping to get ideas for needs and wants for this year during our PTA meeting (Steam Lab)

President's Report-

- WIC program notification to families (farmers Market)
 - Information will be shared in the Spring to let families know how they can take advantage of these community resources.
- Community service project for the school (January)
 - Will continue to work with Beta Club and 5th grade for service projects
 - PEP / Berea Elementary School contacted Bank of TR about support. SIC can explore the idea of how PEP, Bank of TR, and the two schools can collaborate and support the larger community.
- Update on community garden
 - Phase 1 is funded - Cliffs community outreach group supported this endeavor.
 - The approval process is ongoing.
- Summer discussion occurred with Trinity to see if there are community partnerships possible to support most at-risk students

through tutoring. Betsy will connect with Trinity to research funding.

- Connection to the middle school
 - 5th Grade students visit some feeder middle schools
 - Northwest Middle visits students at Gateway
 - Middle school roll-up discussions occur virtually with school administrators for students with special needs
 - We would like to reinstate visits to Northwest for 5th Grade students to help ease the transition.

Ideas to Share:

- Mrs. Bowles (in the front office) is retiring on October 3rd.