



WEST HARDIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Based Decision Making

Council Members

Stephanie Brothers, Parent
Kayla Honaker, Parent
Christin Swords, Principal

Candace Perry, Teacher
Sarah Sams, Teacher
Amelia Tarrence, Teacher

August 28, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:45.

Members Present: Stephanie Brothers, Kayla Honaker, Christin Swords, Sarah Sams, Amelia Tarrence, and Candace Perry

Guests Present: Tiffany Jones and Phillip Richards

Approval of Agenda: Candace Perry motioned to approve the agenda, and Stephanie Brothers seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

Approval of Minutes: Candace Perry motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes with amendments, and Sarah Sams seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

Celebrations: We recently held our Club Rush, which gave students the opportunity to hear about clubs and new classes offered at West. Staff have started sending positive postcards to students, recognizing their hard work and positive behavior. West Hardin has been able to offer two new related arts classes- JROTC and orchestra, as well as being able to have agriculture return as a related arts class. The students are enjoying the added course offerings. The cheer team participated in the Heartland Parade. They are hoping to participate in the Cecilia Day and White Mills Day parades next year.

Student Achievement: Students recently completed their fall iReady Diagnostics. Math scores were higher than in previous years. One month into school, West Hardin is 2nd in attendance.

Old Business: The committee completed a 2nd reading of the grading policy, and there was a discussion regarding MyPath lessons. Candace Perry motioned to approve the policy, and Amelia Tarrence seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

New Business: Results from the Studer Family Engagement Survey were reviewed and discussed. We are continuing to work on improving communication with families regarding student learning. West will have a Safe Schools Assessment on September 25th. The safety team will interview staff, parents, and students. The course period schedule was discussed. Stephanie Brothers motioned to approve the schedule, and Sarah Sams seconded the motion. It passed by consensus. West Hardin will be participating in an APEX Fundraiser in April.



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Upcoming Items/Calendar Review: Upcoming events include: Laker Connect, iReady Rewards, Laker Store, Progress Report #1, High Attendance Day, Pep Rally, Homecoming, Tailgate, and Fall Picture Day.

Personnel: Candace Perry motioned to move into closed session for consultation on hiring. Stephanie Brothers seconded the motion. It passed by consensus. Christin Swords reviewed applicants with the council for the FRYSC, Elective Teacher, and Assistant Cheer Coach positions. Sarah Sams motioned to hire Samantha Sansone as the Assistant Cheer Coach. Amelia Tarrence seconded the motion, and it passed by consensus. Sarah Sams motioned to hire Jessie Bennett for the Elective position. Stephanie Brothers seconded the motion, and it passed by consensus. Stephanie Brothers motioned to hire Andrea Knoch for the FRYSC position. Amelia Tarrence seconded the motion, and it passed by consensus. Stephanie Brothers motioned to go into Open Session, and Sarah Sams seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.

Adjournment: Candace Perry motioned to adjourn, and Stephanie Brothers seconded the motion. It passed by consensus.