



Leman Academy of Excellence
School Accountability Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 23rd 2025
8:45 a.m. –9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

SAC Committee attendees:

Kelly Gould, SAC Chair (Stroh Parent Representative)
Paige McLaughlan, LCS Board President
Dr. Jason Edwards, Head of Schools
Jennifer Leudtke, Stroh Principle
Trustin Thompson, Bayou Gulch Principle
Kali Cascarano, Stroh RVC Representative
Melissa Harmon, Stroh Grammar Teacher Representative
Jeremiah Johnson, Stroh Parent Representative
Sonia Chizzo, Bayou Gulch Logic Teacher Representative
Joey Wilson, Bayou Gulch Parent Representative
Chelsea MacDonald, Bayou Gulch RVC Representative
Aubrie Belter, Bayou Gulch Parent Representative
Sheila Billiot, Bayou Gulch Parent Representative

Meeting Logistics:

1. Call to order **8:46 AM**
2. Public comments:
 - a. No public comments
3. Welcome & Introductions – SAC Chair (lead by Kelly Gould)
4. Approval of April Meeting Minutes - minutes approved
5. Mission- Dr. Edwards
6. Scope of SAC – Dr. Edwards
 - a. Reviewed role of committee. Schools that receive public funds are required to have accountability from tax payers. This serves as an advisory committee inviting parent input on decisions.
 - b. Scope:
 - i. Academics (UIP/CMAS testing)
 - ii. Security - emotional and physical safety for scholars
 - iii. Informational updates - current updates or announcements
 - c. LCS Board Scope differentiation:
 - i. Policy, Decision Making, Directing, Strategy, Governance/Fiduciary



7. Safety Update – Dr. Edwards

Dr. Edwards and LCS board actively pursuing security options in coordination with DCSD:

- a. Option 1 - Increase SRO coverage (consistent SRO for each campus)
 - i. Provided by PD of each campus jurisdiction
 - ii. SRO's deputy vehicle is the majority of the cost, but makes SRO presence visible
 - iii. SRO's have a relationship with faculty and scholars, whereas private agency does not interact with the student body outside of best practices training.
 - iv. Commissioners may have residents vote in December on subsidizing (TBD)
- b. Option 2 - Hire private agency personnel
 - i. Lutheran HS uses Protection & Investigation Agency (PSI)
 - ii. Reviewing costs: \$100k annually per campus
 - iii. Private armed security is available to immediately respond, and do not have to wait to react
 - iv. Private security does not include a marked vehicle.
 - v. At Lutheran, Security guards are in army uniform with weapon
 - vi. Strong parental interest in an armed presence, protecting campus from outside physical threats, therefore PSI (private) is more aligned with community desires
 - vii. Private agency provides patrol & inspection / incident reporting & investigations
 1. Staff /Student direct involvement is limited (provide guidance on best practices and assist in the safe movement of students during school hours)
- c. Dr. Edwards and the LCS Board will continue to update after further communications with DCSD. Leman is the first charter to explore private security, and are navigating options.

Questions on this security topic can be directed to Dr. Edwards or Paige McGlaughlin until further updates are provided.

8. Academic update

- a. **Unified Improvement Plan - Principal Luedtke**
 - i. CO schools that rank as 'performance' must submit an improvement plan every other year. Most recent UIP was submitted to DCE for review with a deadline of Oct. 15th. Leman Academy campuses will continue to be considered one school, with one unified improvement plan.
 - ii. Reviewed Mathematical Practice (introduction of Into Math curriculum)



- iii. If LCA were to be placed on IUP, the SAC involvement would adjust and would include more partnership concerning content.

b. State and Benchmark Assessments- Principal Thompson

- i. 'CMAS' Colorado Measures of Academic Success
 - 1. End of year assessment 3rd -8th graders. Use results to drive instructional practices. Provides a snapshot of performance school wide, grade level, and individual scholar data.
- ii. i-Ready Benchmark Testing
 - 1. Both campuses using i-Ready testing platform this year
 - 2. K-1 - reading; Grades K-3 literacy tasks; Grades 2-8 completing both reading and math diagnostic tests
 - 3. Using PLC professional learning community to review data that will drive in-class instruction. Focus on relative areas of weakness; ensure progress towards the UIP goals.

9. RVC Update:

- a. Stroh - Kali Cascarano
 - i. Meetings first Thursday 8am after Coffee with Captains. Next event is Trunk or Treat. Updates are shared in Royal Review newsletter.
 - ii. Email: strohrvc@lemanacademy.org
- b. Bayou Gulch - Chelsea McDonald
 - i. Meetings quarterly - Sip and Socialize events
 - ii. First year having house captains managing stocking the breakroom quarterly, hosting teacher luncheons, community service projects and campus cleanups. Next event is Trunk or Treat.
Email: bayougulchrvc@lemanacademy.org

10. Adjourn 9:28AM

- a. Next meeting: December 4th, 8:30am