

Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Meeting held at Red Clay Consolidated School District, 1502 Spruce Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19805 and via Zoom

Public Session

- Helen Anderson chaired and opened the meeting at 6:13 pm
- Welcome and Housekeeping provided by Helen Anderson
- Council Roll Call provided by Helen Anderson
 - **Attendees:** Helen Anderson, AJe English, Dorrell Green, RaShona Brown, Deirdra Joyner, Lisa Lawson, Alethea Smith-Tucker, Alex Najemy, and Mia Elliot joined at 6:48 pm and left the meeting at 7:51 pm. Absent Starr Wilson
 - Approval of 2/18/2025 Minutes - Motion by AJe English, seconded by Alex Najemy. Vote unanimous. Minutes approved.
 - AJe English read statement for Public Comment guidelines
 - **Public Comment:**
 - Antoinette Curry - Shared that as a parent she would like to know who she can contact regarding questions she would like to ask.
 - Helen Furman from Neighbors United - Shared concerns about Maurice Pritchett Sr. Academy. She would like to know more information about the Children and Families First contract, its values pertaining to Pritchett and how the money is being spent.
 - **Partnership Updates:**
 - Allegheny Health Network Chill Project™ Presentation - Roslyn Korai, Michelle Higgins, Isabelle Cutler
 - AHN is an established program embedded in schools across Western, PA, Erie and Delaware School districts.
 - AHN Chill Room Project™ works with entire school communities providing proactive coping strategies and school based therapy services.
 - Provides evidenced based programing to students, teachers, administrators, and parents.

- Supporting students at all levels - Therapy, Chill Room™ and Monthly Lessons.
- The Chill Room™ is a space to regulate before returning to class, a space to practice mindfulness skills, a safe place to be and a preventative solution to response to stress or small crises. A therapeutic space.
- The Chill Room™ is not a hangout, a punishment or consequence, a reward or therapy.
- The Chill Room™ also works with the school team to provide support in ways that best meet the needs of teachers.
- Will collaborate with the school to develop family events throughout the year and family groups.
- Chillmometer
 - **1** - I'm calm. I'm chill
 - **2** - I'm okay. Not really stressed
 - **3** - I'm getting stressed
 - **4** - I'm stressed
 - **5** - I'm really stressed

Old Business:

- **Approval of Children & Family First Contract Extension**
 - Council decided to push back to the April council meeting for further discussion.

New Business:

- **Defining a "WLC School" -**
 - School-driven decision making,
 - Bounded autonomy
 - Flexibility
 - Cross-district council oversight.
 - AJe English will create a doodle poll to schedule a workshop to define WLC Schools.
- **How do we define success?**
 - Academic growth and proficiency
 - Attendance outcome
 - Professional learning
 - Staff recruitment and retention

- 2025-2026 Commitments:
 - Clearly defines guardrails
 - Network wide non-negotiables
 - Intentional progress monitoring
 - Increased transparency
 - Fostering a wellness culture
 - Expanded learning time
 - Professional learning communities
 - Family engagement plans
- FY26 Budget: Further discussion
- **DTGSS Learning Walks**
 - Approval of FY26 Learning -Focused Contract Partnership
 - Proposal and Contract - Alex Najemy made a motion to bring Proposal and Contract back for further discussion at April council meeting, seconded by AJe English. Vote unanimous. Proposal and contract tabled.
- **Effective School Boards** - Completion date for listening sessions deadline June 6, 2025.

Adjournment

Motion by AJe English to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Dorrell Green. Unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.