

**Shawnee Heights U.S.D. #450
District Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting**

October 9, 2017

Those present were:

Dr. Martin Stessman	Michael Mayfield	Kristin Fisher
Rebecca Greer	Rosa Cavazos	Brenda Holladay
Eric Deitcher	Kayla Benson	Erica Price
Reenie Olson	Annie Harris	Jason Genovese
Alicia Delgado	Tamara Edington	Jeannie Gish
Jennifer Forshee-Weichert	Kristy Hanshaw	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Fisher

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Tamara Edington moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Erica Price, motion carried 15-0.

3. Approve Minutes of September 11, 2017

Brenda Holladay moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017, DAC meeting as presented. Seconded by Tamara Edington, motion carried 15-0.

4. Comments and Announcements

None.

5. Site Council and PTO Reports

Brenda Holladay – Berryton Elementary PTO

The Berryton PTO Parent Information Night was not as successful as in the past, however the Kindergarten Parent Information Night went well. PTO members reviewed teacher requests, Grandparents Day, the Carnival and also ordered two water bottle fountains for the school. A grant through Blue Cross Blue Shield will allow the Berryton PTO to order two more fountains. PTO members also discussed updates to the library.

Reenie Olson – Shawnee Heights High School Booster Club

The diaper drive collected 3,750 diapers. The 60 Minutes TV show visited Shawnee Heights High School regarding a graduate, Brad Parscale who is on President Trump's team. The show aired October 8th, and in viewing it, they cut out students for their segment.

Alicia Delgado – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council

At their most recent meeting, SHES Site Council members sent their meetings for the rest of the year and discussed the Carnival. The drop off/pick-ups have been difficult with parents regarding the new early Headstart program. District administration are reviewing the process to make it better for the long term.

Michael Mayfield – Shawnee Heights High School Site Council

The High School Site Council discussed their vision and goal of having a 100% graduation rate – also how race plays a factor in this. Academic rigor was also discussed with 54% of students taking advanced classes, which has increased 27% from last year. PSAT classes were to be given the weekend of October 14/15. There have been 76 in-school suspension so far this semester and some are the same students. There is a 94% graduation rate at the High School which has increased from 91%.

Rosa Cavazos – Shawnee Heights High School Site Council

Discussion was held regarding the 2017-2018 initiatives. Homework seems to have increased. High School has a program called T-Bird Time where students have more access to teachers. Discussion was also held regarding Individual Plans of Study, KESA, new athletic league, and the random drug testing policy. The Site Council reviewed ideas on how to increase family engagement.

Kayla Benson & Annie Harris – Shawnee Heights High School STUCO Members

For the United Way fundraiser, High School students participated in a penny war, sold blow pops, had a hat day and a photo booth. STUCO members discussed who their guest speaker would be for graduation and began plans for the Thanksgiving food drive. Students are requesting additional time for passing period to be 7 minutes instead of 5.

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Elementary PTO

Principal Sara Glotzbach was present at the last PTO meeting to discuss preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. Rosa Cavazos, a board of education candidate spoke to the PTO regarding her campaign. Students participated in the United Way fundraiser. Donuts with Dad will be held October 20th. Tecumseh North held their Carnival inside this year.

Erica Price – Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation

The Foundation Breakfast will be held October 16th at 7:30 A.M. The Foundation Website has all the information. The Major Saver card campaign will be held November 20th through December 7th. Foundation members are hoping to have new businesses listed on this year's cards.

Kristy Hanshaw – Tecumseh North Elementary Site Council

Dr. Stessman attended the last Site Council meeting and talked about safety at the buildings and the PreK program for next year. The family engagement survey will be discussed at the next meeting.

Tamara Edington – Shawnee Heights Middle School PTO

Benjamin Thursby is the new Police Officer at the Middle School. He replaces Kyle Scheideman. Two parents wanted to be present with their students during the Random Drug Testing. Karen Stockwell-Withers has begun a program at the Middle School of recycling and composting.

Kristin Fisher – Tecumseh South PTO

Tecumseh South PTO reviewed their Carnival and Silent Auction. PTO members are discussing alternative fundraising with no catalogs being sold. October 12th will be a Chic-Fil-A Fundraiser from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. PTO members are struggling to find teachers to help with some fundraising events.

Jason Genovese – Shawnee Heights Education Association

Currently there are 71 participants in the sick leave pool. SHEA members are watching the K-12 funding and the Supreme Court ruling closely. SHEA is also discussing the Best Schools Report submitted by KNEA.

8. Eric Deitcher – Board of Education Report

At the most recent Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the district funding of High School Girls Swimming, Middle School Cross Country, and Middle School Cheer. Mr. Deitcher mentioned at the last DAC Meeting regarding Loretta Long with a surprise recognition for her years of support to Shawnee Heights. This recognition will be at the Boys Basketball Game at halftime on December 1st. It's been suggested that each elementary school donate something as a gift of appreciation to Mrs. Long, such as a school t-shirt or building themed gift basket. Tamara Edington will also speak with Middle School representatives regarding a gift.

9. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent

Administrators have completed Capital Outlay building walk-throughs. This year, the purchase of 6 buses will be included in the Capital Outlay list. The district purchases 6 buses every other year to keep the bus fleet in pristine shape. Capital Outlay requests also include any structural repairs, technology equipment, furniture, or other building needs.

9. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent (cont.)

The K-12 funding lawsuit continues to be a top subject to be watched. Education funding has been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Again, the Supreme Court has ruled it unconstitutional and has stressed to law makers that they have set a June 1 deadline for their ruling and if legislators have not developed a plan that is constitutional, they will shut down schools. The overall majority of the Supreme Court has stated that when legislators come back to session, this time, it better be fixed. All representatives are up for re-election, so Dr. Stessman anticipates they will be highly motivated to solve the education crisis.

10. Becky Greer - Curriculum Director

- **Family Engagement Survey**

One of the Board Goals for the 2017-2018 school year is, “All district personnel will proactively engage parents in the education of their children.” Becky distributed a copy of the Family Engagement Survey and asked DAC members to review the questions and provide feedback.

- **D.A.R.E. Information from the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Department**

Becky visited with the Sheriff’s Department regarding updating the D.A.R.E. program for 6th grade students. There have been two new officers trained for D.A.R.E. and they believe this will be a better fit for the program, but the Sheriff’s Department will not be changing the D.A.R.E. Curriculum. Becky will be taking the curriculum to counselors for review to obtain feedback.

9. Open Forum (Members – Questions, Comments, Concerns)

Jennifer Forshee-Weichert – Shawnee Heights Elementary PTO (Arrived late, and submitted her report in Open Forum). The SHES PTO discussed district goals, KESA, and the D.A.R.E. Program. Second grade students will participate in a field trip to the Discovery Center October 10th. Spirit Wear purchases are complete. SHES PTO will host a movie night October 20th. This year, SHES is starting a Holiday Store. SHES PTO is also hosting a Mom’s Night Out with dinner and a movie.

10. Adjournment

Tamara Edington moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Eric Deitcher, motion carried 16-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, November 13, 2017.