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

November 11, 2019

Those present were:
Dr. Martin Stessman          Mackenzie Waggoner          Buck Reuter
Stacey Giebler              Tina Perkins                Rebeca Gray
Stacey Bell                 Kim Sixkiller              Kristy Hanshaw
Tamara Edington             Brenda Holladay            Carlene Jones
Michele Harrison            Ian Robbins                Jeannie Gish

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by Tamara Edington. Mrs. Edington thanked all Veterans for their service.

2. Adoption of the Agenda
   Rebeca Gray moved to approve the adoption of the agenda with the addition of Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation Report. Seconded by Tina Perkins, motion carried 13-0.

3. Approve Minutes of October 14, 2019 Meeting.
   Brenda Holladay moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019 District Advisory Council meeting as amended. Seconded by Tina Perkins, motion carried 13-0.

4. Communications and Announcements
   None.

5. Site Council and PTO Reports
   Michele Harrison – Shawnee Heights Education Association
   The SHEA logo has a final design. SHEA members will be participating in the Festival of Trees. Members are working with KNEA to obtain a grant to defray member expenses.

   Tina Perkins - Shawnee Heights Middle School PTO
   No report.

   Buck Reuter – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council
   SHES parents are utilizing the Shop-A-Roo App which gives a percentage of money back to the school. This is much like the Dillon’s or Amazon apps.

   Brenda Holladay – Berryton Elementary Site Council and PTO
   The most recent meeting of the Berryton Elementary Site Council was focused on the Communities that Care Survey and the results which pertained to Berryton. Students participated in the Halloween Parade. Berryton PTO had no report.

   Kim Sixkiller – Shawnee Heights Middle School Site Council
   No report.

   Ian Robbins – Shawnee Heights Elementary PTO
   There was a 95% attendance rate for Parent/Teacher Conferences. A Family Night at Board and Brush is being planned. SHES has earned $203.00 through collecting box tops. Approximately $8,000.00 was grossed with the Fun Run this year. There are 300 meals reserved so far for the Chili Supper to be held on November 21st. December 7th will be PJ’s and Pancakes with Santa and the movie Polar Express will be shown.
5. Site Council and PTO Reports (cont.)

Mackenzie Waggoner - STUCO

Students distributed gifts to administrators, counselors, and office staff and thanked them for their support. STUCO sold yard lines for $3.00. Half of the $200 made in this sale went to purchasing the gifts. There is an upcoming Volleyball Tournament hosted at Shawnee Heights. The Care Closet needs more snack foods for their pantry. STUCO is trying to develop ways to reduce the number of fights.

Kristy Hanshaw – Tecumseh North Elementary Site Council

Tecumseh North reports a 95% attendance rate for Parent/Teacher Conferences. A United Way assembly is being scheduled for December.

Rebecca Gray – Tecumseh North Elementary PTO

The carnival raised over $7,000.00 this year, which was the most successful year so far. The PTO has utilized the School Store app where a percentage of the money spent goes to the school. Over $4,000.00 has been made so far. There will be a PTO event at the North iHop on November 19th from 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. LaRocca’s on Gage will also be having a Tecumseh North event December 8th from 12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

6. Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation – Carlene Jones

Mrs. Jones presented a brief overview of the Foundation and the upcoming events.

7 &8. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent

Board Report

Dr. Stessman reviewed Capital Outlay procedures and purchases. The main priority this year will be the HVAC system at Tecumseh North Elementary. There will be purchases needed in IT as well as six new buses which are purchased every other year to keep the bus fleet up to date. Administrators and two Board members will be meeting Friday to interview potential companies to perform a facility audit which will result in a bond issue to address the building structural needs. Dr. Stessman then explained the difference between the General Fund, Supplemental General Fund and Capital Outlay funds to DAC members.

Superintendent’s Report

The district is now in the discovery phase of the lawsuit regarding the Auditorium. Dr. Stessman said the Hanover Survey was distributed to parents which could have possibly ended up in their spam folders or deleted because the first question asked if they were a citizen of the United States. The United Way Campaign this year is the most successful ever. Students and staff raised $28,400.00 for the Campaign. Dr. Stessman expressed his appreciation and pride in the generosity of students and staff. The Shawnee County Clerk has adjusted the valuation of the district to include Reser’s tax abatement for 10 years, so that company will not be paying taxes. This resulted in a 1.5 mil increase for the district. This is an accreditation year for Shawnee Heights and currently administrators are following the process, even thought it’s irrelevant. The district numbers and data will be reviewed.

9. Stacey Giebler – Elementary Curriculum Director

Stacey Bell – Secondary Curriculum Director

Mrs. Giebler reviewed the accreditation process with DAC members and explained that Shawnee Heights, as a district, has always completed an annual review of data to make any adjustments needed through the leadership of Dr. Stessman and Mrs. Greer.

Mrs. Bell explained Project Based Learning strategies and teaching it in the classroom. Thirty-one teachers attended a workshop about PBL’s and it has infiltrated into the classroom with positive feedback. Some teachers want to attend additional training. This also provides an opportunity for teachers to upload their projects to share with colleagues.
10. Open Forum (Member – Questions, Comments, Concerns)
   Mrs. Edington thanked Dr. Stessman for changing the sign in the High School lunchroom. She then asked about Wifi being on Activity buses so students could possibly do homework going to or from activities. Dr. Stessman said there are no plans to place GPS’s on all buses, but some hot spots may be available for check out by coaches/sponsors or students in the future.

12. Adjournment
   Michele Harrison moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Tina Perkins, motion carried 13-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, January 13, 2020.
There is no December meeting.