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

September 10, 2018

Those present were:

- Dr. Martin Stessman
- Rebecca Greer
- Reenie Olson
- Jason Genovese
- Anna Lara

- Kim Sixkiller
- Brenda Holladay
- Alisha Delgado
- Rebecca Gray
- Kristy Hanshaw

- Leslie Florence
- Kristin Fisher
- Rocky Busenitz
- Cayla Bortz
- Jeannie Gish

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by Kristin Fisher

2. Adoption of the Agenda
   Kim Sixkiller moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Reenie Olson, motion carried 13-0.

3. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2018, Meeting
   Kim Sixkiller moved to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2018, District Advisory Council Meeting as presented. Seconded by Kristy Hanshaw, motion carried 13-0.

4. Communications and Announcements
   None.

5. Site Council and PTO Reports
   Brenda Holladay – Berryton Elementary PTO and Site Council
   Berryton PTO had a KONA Ice fundraiser which netted $547.00. From this the PTO donated two soccer balls to the school. Berryton PTO representatives made the decision to have Sneak Peak earlier than in years past. Berryton had a “food truck night.” These were free will donations from the food trucks and $867 was raised from this event with approximately 90% of Berryton families participating. Over 600 grandparents attended Berryton’s Grandparents Day held September 7th.

   Berryton Site Council discussed 2018 enrollment figures. There are 480 total students at Berryton. The September 29th Carnival was a big success. Site Council members were informed Berryton will be looking for a new PE teacher next year with the retirement of Kelley Hayen. Members also discussed student and family engagement as it relates to the Board of Education goals.

   Kristy Hanshaw – Tecumseh North Site Council
   The Tecumseh North Site Council met Thursday, October 4th and discussed plans for Title I. A trip to Children’s Discovery Center will be November 13th. The Discovery Center’s mobile museum will visit four nights this school year. Greenbush Stem Labs will be coming back in the spring. One School, One Book initiative to launch families reading together will start with the book Charlotte’s Web and possibly the movie. The United Way campaign goal this year is $1,350.00 and if the goal is made, Mrs. Glotzbach will sumo wrestle a teacher.

   Rebecca Gray – Tecumseh North PTO
   The Tecumseh North Carnival held on October 11th was moved inside due to rain. The United Way campaign is underway. Family Night at McAlister’s Deli will be October 16th. Donuts with Dad is October 19th at 7:30 A.M.

   Jason Genovese – Shawnee Heights Education Association
   Tables have been visible at activities from SHEA that encourages all to get out and vote in the next election.
5. **Site Council and PTO Reports (cont.)**  
   Reenie Olson – Shawnee Heights High School Booster Club  
The Booster Club will host a Bingo Night on December 3rd. Everything is $1.00 and this will go toward funding PostProm. The newly established Care Closet will begin operating October 20th from 8:00 – 10:00 A.M and every Saturday morning thereafter.

   Cayla Bortz – High School STUCO  
The food pantry is off to a good start thanks to donations at the Homecoming game.

   Kristin Fisher – Tecumseh South PTO  
The Tecumseh South Carnival will be this Saturday – October 13th. There will be no Silent Auction with the Carnival this year. It was decided to have the Silent Auction online. There will be a Roulette Wheel with $1.00 chances for smaller items. There will be a Kona Ice fundraiser and proceeds going to United Way.

   Alisha Delgado – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council  
At their last meeting, the SHES Site Council focused on KESA accreditation and family engagement. Grandparents Day was held September 7th and 750 grandparents attended. PTO passports????? SHES night at Sr. Burr-Ritos was September 17th. November plans include, reading in jammies, which pares with the “3 B’s” – Brush, Book, Bed, to promote healthy families. The New Hope Pantry will be opening in December and Blue Cross Blue Shield will be hosting a Wellness Fair. Students are keeping data binders to keep track of their progress in reading and math and staff are working on ways to engage full family participation with weekly communication with families and how to transition to home and in turn, asking home to communicate back to the school.

   Leslie Florence – Tecumseh South Site Council  
The Tecumseh South Site Council will meet October 22nd.

   Kim Sixkiller – Shawnee Heights Middle School Site Council  
At their last meeting, the Middle School Site Council discussed Map scores. There were also conversations regarding the lack of information/communication coming from the Middle School and how that can be increased. Another topic of discussion was closing the gap between 6th grade year and Middle School as well as 8th grade year to High School.

   Anne Lara – Shawnee Heights Middle School PTO  
Middle School spirit wear has been ordered.

6. **Board of Education Report - Rocky Busenitz**  
During the October 1st Board of Education meeting, the Board paid bills, discussed the construction of the new Bus Barn and the recent discussion with the County regarding dirt work at the cost of $29,000.00 and who should pay for it.

7. **Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent**  
Dr. Stessman reported that it is a “quiet” time of year for the Board of Education. Many things are done on a routine basis. It is “report season” at the Central Office and the business side of the office will be switching to new accounting software. The visit of Kyla Jade to perform in the auditorium was amazing! She had many good things to say about Shawnee Heights and mentioned she wanted to keep an association with the school district.

   Dr. Stessman encouraged the District Advisory Council members to be sure to vote in the upcoming election and encourage others to vote as well. There is a stark contrast of the opposing candidates’ view of education.

The Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation Breakfast is Monday, October 15th. Please call the Central Office if you would like to purchase a ticketed and see the amazing things the Foundation does for students and teachers. The Breakfast is a fundraiser for teacher grants.
7. **Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent (cont.)**
   Olivia Bayse (elementary) and Riley Propps (secondary) were the 2019 Horizon Award winners for Shawnee Heights.

   Capital Outlay tours will begin soon. Each building submits a list, then administrators prioritize that list. The district received $1.5 – $2 million for Capital Outlay projects and there are times when requests total $6 million which is why the list must be prioritized. Of the Capital Outlay funds, the district sets aside $250,000.00 each year to purchase new buses.

   October 22 at 6:30 P.M., the district will host a Parent Information Night in the Professional Development Center regarding drug awareness.

8. **Becky Greer - Curriculum Director**
   Mrs. Greer asked District Advisory Council members if they would like to discuss test scores – how a writ score differs from a percentile score as well as “test interpretation.” Members felt they had an understanding, so this will not need to be revisited.

   Laura Hurla, Berryton Instructional Coach worked with second year teachers at Quantum. Mrs. Greer then explained why first year teachers are out of the classroom the first two years of employment with Shawnee Heights. The meeting was previously in the Professional Development room, so literature was still present in the room as Mrs. Greer walked through the steps briefly. Teachers receive five days of Quantum and stressed how the Eight Keys are core values of Shawnee Heights.

9. **Open Forum (Members – Questions, Comments, Concerns)**
   **Alisha Delgado – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council**
   The SHES Site Council discussed parent communication and are pleased with the Shawnee Heights app which they feel is a great tool, especially for parents who have students in elementary, middle and high school all at the same time. One thing missing in the app is elementary information which they would like to see.

   Other discussion:
   Dr. Stessman asked DAC members what they would like as a parent regarding information. Members mentioned the stark difference between information between elementary and secondary levels. Discussion was also held regarding the best way to reach parents and families for more involvement in their child’s education (sneak peak, carnivals, parent/teacher conferences, etc.)

   Some parents are concerned about a few bus drivers being stern with students when parents call regarding early appointments and asked about the communication regarding the transportation department and the bus drivers. There is also concern regarding calling the transportation department and no one answers. Dr. Stessman informed DAC members that this is not the norm – there was a death in the family of one of the transportation employees, so they were short staffed.

   Reenie Olson asked about who will pay for the drug testing. The Booster Club has very limited funds and it is not in their budget to cover the cost of drug testing. Rocky Busenitz said he was opposed to the policy and wants to make sure no tax money will fund the drug testing. Board members and administrators will be revisiting the funding in a February meeting. Dr. Stessman said a non-tax revenue will need to fund this.

   Rocky Busenitz reported that he has been getting numerous communication from parents regarding the football field and resurfacing it to turf. Board members and administration will be visiting other districts who have turf football fields, then do a cost analysis. Parents are welcome to contact board members and administration with any suggestions.

12. **Adjournment**
   Alisha Delgado moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Kim Sixkiller, motion carried 14-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

   *The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, November 12, 2018.*