

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

**September 11, 2017**

Those present were:

Dr. Martin Stessman  
Rebecca Greer  
Eric Deitcher  
Reenie Olson  
Leslie Florence

Michael Mayfield  
Annie Harris  
Kayla Benson  
Tamara Edington  
Kristin Fisher

Brenda Holladay  
Jennifer Forshee-Weichert  
Erica Price  
Kristy Hanshaw  
Jeannie Gish

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stessman

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Erica Price moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Reenie Olson, motion carried 14-0.

**3. Introductions of Members**

Introductions were made of the 2017-2018 District Advisory Council members.

**4. Review of By-Laws and Purpose of the District Advisory Council**

Members received a copy of the current By-Laws of the District Advisory Council

**5. Communications and Announcements**

None.

**6. Election of Officers**

Michael Mayfield nominated Kristin Fisher as the Chair of the 2017-2018 District Advisory Council. Seconded by Reenie Olson, motion carried 14-0.

Kristin Fisher nominated Michael Mayfield as Coordinator of the 2017-2018 District Advisory Council. Seconded by Erica Price, motion carried 14-0.

**7. Site Council and PTO Reports**

Erica Price – Tecumseh North PTO

Tecumseh North’s PTO approved funding field trips and discussed other school projects in the works for PTO to help fund. North’s PTO Carnival was also discussed – it will be October 7<sup>th</sup>. PTO members are reviewing water bottle stations and reviewed the 91 school supply orders which were filled. PTO Skate Night is September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jennifer Forshee-Weichert – Shawnee Heights Elementary PTO

The SHES PTO Carnival is September 16<sup>th</sup>. Family Fun Night will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at Glory Days. PTO members discussed map testing and the Supper and Basket Auction to be held Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. \$620.00 was donated for staff to purchase solar glasses to view the recent eclipse. With the extra funds in the PTO budget, 32 guitars were purchased.

Reenie Olson – Shawnee Heights Booster Club

The week of Homecoming, the Booster Club began a “diaper drive.” Drug testing has begun at the High School. STUCO members are sponsoring a hygiene drive. Colgate toothpaste and brushes have been donated. A pantry drive has also begun.

Tamara Edington – Shawnee Heights Middle School PTO

Spirit Wear “online” has been completed. Fundraising has begun for cross country. The Middle School PTO is reviewing applications for purchases.

Brenda Holladay – Berryton Elementary PTO

The PTO Carnival is October 7<sup>th</sup>. PTO members are currently reviewing teacher requests. Participation declined with the School Box Tops, so members decided to eliminate this fundraiser for next year.

Michael Mayfield – Shawnee Heights High School Site Council

No report.

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

The hygiene drive will end September 22.

Kristin Fisher – Tecumseh South Elementary PTO

The catalog fundraiser ended last week, but numbers have not been tabulated. September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the PTO Carnival. Last year, Tecumseh South was awarded a \$10,000.00 grant which was used to enhance the playground equipment.

Leslie Florence – Tecumseh South Site Council

The Tecumseh South Site Council held their first meeting of the school year on August 28<sup>th</sup> where they discussed new staff members, the new Ci3T tier model, GraceMed Dental Care, State Assessment scores, and water bottle fountains. Discussion was also held regarding funding for 20 preschool students.

Kristy Hanshaw – Tecumseh North Elementary Site Council

At their recent meeting, the Tecumseh North Site Council discusses family and student engagement, why enrollment has declined, the different strategy for Kindergarten movement and music, Boys & Girls clubs after school program, and extra funding for Kindergarten teachers.

**8. Eric Deitcher – Board of Education Report**

Mr. Deitcher reviewed the Board Goals for the 2017-2018 school year. The mission statement has not changed.

1. All district personnel will proactively engage parents in the education of their children.
2. All district educators will actively engage students in their education.
3. All students will graduate college and career ready.
4. All learning environments will be safe and secure and promote a culture of safety.
5. The Board of Education and Superintendent will responsibly manage the financial resources of the district

The “first draw” of the random drug testing policy went well. Parents receive the results very quickly.

The owner of Starlite Skate Center is retiring and Mr. Deitcher requested feedback from Advisory Council members as to how to recognize her dedication and support of Shawnee Heights. Mr. Deitcher will take the lead on this project and asked for Site Council and PTO members to be involved in this.

**9. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent**

KESA is the new Accreditation process for Kansas Schools. The number one Board Goal is Family Engagement. The District Leadership Team selected the three areas of KESA we will address this year which include communicating with families and engaging parents in their child’s education process. Student engagement will also be on the forefront of this year’s strategies and will result in individualized plan of study for students in grades 7-12. High School students will plan their course of study for the next four years using the Career Cruising software which will also include post-secondary studies. The District Leadership Team will oversee the process and determine if we are on the right track for KESA. We will review the post-secondary retention rate as the district is responsible for how many students return to college their sophomore year.

**10. Becky Greer - Curriculum Director**

Mrs. Greer asked for feedback regarding the D.A.R.E. program offered by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department. Advisory Council members felt the program was outdated and too juvenile for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. They felt more background information regarding side effects, or "shock value" should be added to the program. Council members felt more interesting options needed to be offered for students for this program. Mrs. Greer reported that either the district will remain partnered with the Sheriff's Department or build their own curriculum for this course.

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

Erica Price informed the Council members that the Annual Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation Breakfast will be held October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M. in the South Commons of the High School. This fundraiser is for scholarships and classroom grants. The Foundation will also host a Staff Appreciation Reception January 5, 2018.

Jennifer Forshee-Wiechert asked for assistance regarding the new logos so they can be sharp images to transfer to spirit wear and websites.

Mr. Deitcher requested feedback from Council members regarding board information and meetings. The Shawnee Heights Board of Education is trying to be as transparent as possible, so any suggestions or ideas are welcome.

There will be an all school class reunion September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Adjournment**

Tamara Edington moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Jennifer Forshee-Weichert, motion carried 14-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

*The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, October 9, 2017.*