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

September 9, 2019

Those present were:
Dr. Martin Stessman  Mackenzie Waggoner  Ian Robbins
Stacey Giebler      Bryce Liedtke       Buck Reuter
Stacey Bell         Michele Harrison    Rebecca Gray
Julie Liedtke       Tina Perkins        Kristy Hanshaw
Tamara Edington     Brenda Holladay     Amy Smith
Christy Rondash     Jennifer Haverkamp Jeannie Gish

1. Call to Order – Dr. Stessman, Facilitator
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stessman.

2. Introduction of Members
Each District Advisory Council that was present, introduced themselves and who they represented.

3. Adoption of the Agenda
Tamara Edington moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Brenda Holladay, motion carried 14-0.

4. Review of By-Laws and Purpose of the District Advisory Council
Dr. Stessman reviewed the by-laws as well as the purpose of the District Advisory Council to all members present.

5. Communications and Announcements
None.

6. Election of Officers
Tina Perkins move to appoint Tamara Edington as Chairperson for the 2019-2020 District Advisory Council. Seconded by Rebecca Gray, motion carried 14-0.

Rebecca Gray moved to appoint Kristy Hanshaw as Coordinator for the 2019-2020 District Advisory Council. Seconded by Buck Reuter, motion carried 14-0.

7. Site Council and PTO Reports
Tamara Edington – High School Site Council
No report.

Michele Harrison – Shawnee Heights Education Association
SHEA is off to a good start. Plans are to be more visible in each building and members are developing a committee of volunteers for carnivals and other district events. There are plans to organize two opportunities for voter registration. SHEA is working with High School students to design a logo for SHEA.

Julie Liedtke – High School Booster Club
At the recent Football Jamboree 1,870 lbs. of food was collected for the Care Closet. November 5th is Bingo Night. New merchandise is available on the website. Staff and parents are encouraging people to join the Booster Club and there is online registration available to make the process easier.

Tina Perkins – Middle School PTO
The Middle School PTO has had one meeting so far. Members discussed the roles of PTO and a fundraiser has begun.
7. **Site Council and PTO Reports (cont.)**

   **Buck Reuter – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council**
   No report.

   **Ian Robbins – Shawnee Heights Elementary PTO**
   No report.

   **Brenda Holladay – Berryton Elementary Site Council & PTO**
   No report for PTO. The first meeting is September 10th. The Berryton Site Council hosted a Back to School Night with food trucks which was successful. There are three student teachers at Berryton Elementary this year.

   **Angie Smith – Tecumseh South Elementary Site Council**
   Tecumseh South Site Council members discussed the format of Back to School Night and are contemplating one night vs. two nights for this event. Consensus was to keep it the way it was done this year. Discussion was also held regarding the spending of Title I funds which this year, paid for a 4th first grade teacher.

   **Kristy Rondash – Tecumseh South Elementary PTO**
   No report – the Tecumseh South Elementary PTO meets September 10th.

   **Bryce Liedtke & Mackenzie Waggoner – High School STUCO Members**
   The first day of school went well with the seniors greeting the freshmen at the door and a gym assembly followed. The Back to School Dance was well attended and had a jersey theme. October 4th is Homecoming with the theme being “T-Birds Flying Through Time.” High School students will be performing community service throughout the week. Area STUCO members were hosted by Seaman to discuss different ideas and strategies. The Care Closet is focusing on Snack Packs. Suicide Prevention members will be meeting at the Family Service & Guidance Center on September 18th to talk about strategies and lunch will be provided. There will be a Trunk or Treat at the High School with different businesses of the community. On the other side of the parking lot, students will possibly have a Haunted House. September 24th students will discuss gun violence. October 26th will be a “Grub Crawl” where there will be a tour of restaurants.

   **Kristy Hanshaw – Tecumseh North Elementary Site Council**
   Tecumseh North Site Council members met with the new principal, Katie Bivens. Mrs. Bivens familiarized herself with the Site Council and several discussions were held. With Title I funds, there will be an all school read. This year *The Year of Billy Miller* will be read and on September 26th, there will be a Family Fun Night to discuss the book.

   **Rebecca Gray – Tecumseh North Elementary PTO**
   Family Night at Chipolte is September 16th. November 5th will be the school carnival. The Grandparents Breakfast held September 6th was well attended.


   **Dr. Martin Stessman - Superintendent**
   In the absence of Rocky Busenitz, Board Vice-President, Dr. Stessman gave the report on behalf of the Board of Education. Parents and patrons can view the 2019-2020 Board Goals on the website. Family and student engagement are very important to the Board, so that was listed as a Board Goal. The district did not start with any vacancies this year, however, there are 600 vacancies state-wide. The football field’s new turf is complete. The attorney for USD 450 filed a lawsuit with the bonding company over the exterior masonry of the auditorium which was not up to industry standards or specifications. The contractor has declared bankruptcy, so the district must sue the bonding company over the defective workmanship. A settlement is likely but the process will be time consuming. Enrollment increased this year by 60 students as of this date. The elementary boundaries are holding up well and enrollment at the elementary schools remains relatively balanced. There were some payroll issues with the new accounting software this last pay period. Plans are to rectify all discrepancies by the end of the week.
   Grand Oaks Subdivision which is located in the vicinity of 45th & Adams, will be increasing building and it’s expected to bring possibly 50 new students to the district beginning in the fall of 2021.

10. Stacey Bell - Secondary Curriculum Director
   Mrs. Bell reviewed the latest Communities that Care Survey to DAC members. She highlighted that vaping has increased dramatically and some new questions were added to the survey – Social/Economic Component which deals with suicide. Each survey will be “building specific” and members can ask their principal to share the findings. Mrs. Bell will be sharing the survey data with Board members, administrators and counselors. Suicide was discussed at length and Mrs. Bell told DAC members that Shawnee County does have a Suicide Prevention Coalition which is made up of a few Shawnee Heights students. Mrs. Giebler then updated members regarding suicide prevention at the elementary level and the plans which are in place. All staff are trained in suicide recognition and prevention and there is a protocol for staff to refer students to counselors. Once reported, a child/student is never alone or does not go home until the parent is notified. Mrs. Edington said some students felt the Stop It app was not confidential enough, so Dr. Stessman will be informing secondary administrators of this concern.

11. Stacey Giebler – Elementary Curriculum Director
   Mrs. Giebler updated DAC members on the new science kits which have been distributed. In the past, the district has leased science materials and now Shawnee Heights owns their own kits.

12. Open Forum (Members – Questions, Comments, Concerns)
   Jennifer Haverkamp, a Board Member from the Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation, was present to review what the Foundation is all about and what they have been accomplishing. All funds raised go right back into the district. She invited all DAC members to visit the Foundation’s website to see all the good things they are doing.

   Dr. Stessman presented a short video on the “Future of Work” and how robots and other technology will be replacing humans in the not too distant future.

12. Adjournment
   Rebecca Gray moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Tina Perkins, motion carried 14-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

   The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, October 14, 2019.