

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

October 10, 2016

Those present were:

Dr. Martin Stessman
Rebecca Greer
Reenie Olson
Mike Mayfield
Rosa Cavazos

Tamara Edington
Julie Liedtke
Jennifer Wilcox
Erica Price
Leslie Florence

Kim Pentico
Joel Manzanares
Jeannie Gish

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mike Mayfield

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Tamara Edington moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, motion carried 12-0.

3. Approve Minutes of September 12, 2016

Tamara Edington moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Kim Pentico, motion carried 12-0.

4. Communications and Announcements

None.

5. Ed West – High School Principal

• **Drug Testing Policy**

Ed West addressed the District Advisory Council regarding the possibility of adopting a random drug test policy at Shawnee Heights. This is a policy which will need community support. Last year, there were approximately seven long term suspension/expulsions due to drug possession. There have been three so far this year. Mr. West distributed Seaman High School's current policy which is in its second year and has been effective. Participation is optional, and students are randomly selected and will be identified only as a number, not a name. Students and their parents do not receive notification prior to testing. Students and parents need to opt in at enrollment if they wish to participate in activities or purchase a parking permit. Cost of this test is \$40 per test and will be partially paid through the increased parking permit fee of \$5.00. This is a way for those students participating in KSHSAA sponsored activities and those with parking permits to have another avenue to say no and help them manage social pressure, not "catch" them. The district should expect that about half of those failing the first test, would fail future tests as well. These are the students with a higher probability of having a real addiction.

6. Site Council/PTO Reports

Reenie Olson – High School Booster Club

No report. The Booster Club will be meeting Wednesday, October 12th.

Rosa Cavazos – High School Site Council

At their last meeting, the High School Site Council discussed the random drug testing policy as previously reported by Mr. West. Site council members were very supportive of the policy.

Rosa Cavazos – Shawnee Heights Elementary PTO

The Carnival held September 10th was a success. Upcoming Halloween parties will be in the morning.

Jennifer Wilcox – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council

Attendance for Sneak Peak and Parents Nights increased from last year. Discussion was held regarding providing care for younger children on these nights so attendance will increase more. The Site Council reviewed the fall map testing data.

7. Site Council/PTO Reports (cont.)

Kim Pentico – Tecumseh South PTO

The results are not in from the Carnival held September 17th. Proceeds from the carnival help pay for field trips. Dr. Stessman said there are usually two field trips per grade level each year. There is a struggle for attendance at Tecumseh South PTO meetings.

Tamara Edington – Shawnee Heights Middle School PTO

Discussion continues regarding the water bottle fountains and no decisions have been made. At their last meeting, the Middle School PTO approved funds for a media class. Students who are running for STUCO are now required to give a speech. Becky Greer, Curriculum Director, reiterated that giving speeches will be increasing in the elementary curriculum.

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Elementary PTO

The Tecumseh North PTO approved field trips at their last meeting. The PTO updated their policy on fund requests. If teachers are asking for \$50.00 or less, they are not required to attend a PTO meeting, but if they are asking for \$100.00 or more, they are required to attend to explain why they need the funds. The Boys and Girls Club is going very well with 46 students attending after school and 30 students

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Site Council

The Tecumseh North Site Council Bylaws, Board of Education & Superintendent Goals, and KESA was reviewed. Elections were held, and the Site Council is reviewing components with students and relationships.

Erica Price – Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation

The Foundation Breakfast is Monday, October 17th at 7:30 A.M. in the High School's South Commons. The Major Saver gift card campaign will begin November 21st with collections being the week of December 1st.

Julie Liedtke – Berryton Elementary PTO

The school carnival was held October 1st. No report on preliminary numbers.

Leslie Florence – Tecumseh South Site Council

Tecumseh South Site Council discussion included assessment results and school comparisons, Camp Invention funding (Becky Greer will work with schools regarding funding), and the great feedback from parents regarding the Boys and Girls Club.

7. Joel Manzanares – Board of Education Report

Homecoming went well. Cheerleaders went to the Middle School students' area where they congregate and were able to get them interested in the game.

8. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent's Report

The completion of the Support Services Building is scheduled for the second week of November. Bids have been mailed to potential companies for the ADA Stadium Compliance construction. There will be a wheelchair ramp constructed on the North side of the stadium as well as hand rails in the center of the aisles. The front rail will be raised and the first row of bleachers will be removed for wheelchair seating. Reporting from a "state standpoint," superintendents are carefully monitoring the new school finance formula and state accreditation. There will be two budget cycles completed before anyone will notice results of the court ruling, which is anticipated to be in favor of K-12 education.

9. Becky Greer – Curriculum Director

• **Communities That Care**

Mrs. Greer distributed the most recent Communities That Care survey for the Council. In lieu of time, she asked Council members to review the results and at the next DAC meeting, will be asked these three questions:

1. What surprises you?
2. What concerns you?
3. What is your next action?

This is transparent district data, so can be shared with Site Councils, parents, PTO's and anyone else who is interested. Families are not asked questions; only students who answer anonymously.

10. Open Forum (Member – Questions, Comments, Concerns)

Mr. Mayfield expressed concern regarding 7th grade trips. Some bus drivers are opting out because they get paid more for a regular route than a field trip. Dr. Stessman will check this as he does not think this is accurate. Mr. Mayfield then asked if a parent, who has a CDL, could drive a bus for field trips. Dr. Stessman will have to check with the insurance company if this is feasible.

Mr. Mayfield reported that the band will be traveling to Orlando in December. The cost of the trip is \$1,200 per student, however there is a handful of students who have only made one payment or no payment at all. It was asked if there were different ways to help these students obtain the funding they need to be able to participate in the trip. Rosa Cavazos reported that she pays for volunteers at her company who receive \$250 if they work 40 hours. Mrs. Greer also suggested some money sent to the Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation was not used in the capacity it was intended for, so that money may be transferred and Erica Price said if it was a student from one of the elementary schools, the school PTO might possibly be willing to donate.

Reenie Olson asked if signs could be posted as students leave the campus relative to the danger of texting and driving.

11. Adjournment

Tamara Edington moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Wilcox, motion carried 12-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, November 14, 2016.