

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

February 13, 2017

Those present were:

Dr. Martin Stessman
Rebecca Greer
Michael Mayfield
Rosa Cavazos

Tamara Edington
Julie Liedtke
Kristy Hanshaw

Leslie Florence
Gene Edwards
Jeannie Gish

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Michael Mayfield.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Tamara Edington moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Julie Liedtke, motion carried 9-0.

3. Approve Minutes of January 16, 2017.

Tamara Edington moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2017. Seconded by Julie Liedtke, motion carried 9-0.

4. Communications and Announcements

None.

5. Site Council and PTO Reports

Kristy Hanshaw – Tecumseh North Elementary Site Council

Tecumseh North Elementary will be hosting the Board of Education meeting on March 27, 2017 where the Site Council will make their yearly presentation.

Julie Liedtke – Berryton Elementary PTO

No report.

Tamara Edington – Shawnee Heights Middle School

The pancake feed and basketball tournament to fund Middle School Cross Country raised \$1,100.00 which also include corporate donations. Middle School Cross Country is now 90% funded. The Middle School PTO reviewed parent/teacher conferences. Middle School STUCO is selling candy grams as a fundraiser.

Leslie Florence – Tecumseh South Elementary Site Council

No report.

Rosa Cavazos – Shawnee Heights High School Site Council

The High School Site Council viewed accreditation model videos.

Rosa Cavazos – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council

The SHES 6th grade class will be visiting the Middle School February 27th. March 2nd will be the Pettit Scholarship Pancake Feed and Book Fair. At their last meeting, Site Council members discussed the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences and visited the GreatSchools.org website.

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Elementary PTO – via email

Seventy families attended Title I Math Night. The Barnes & Noble fundraiser brought in a total of 4322.06. The Tecumseh PTO will be providing lunch for teachers during conferences. The Tecumseh North Book Fair will be March 9th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

6. Gene Edwards – Board of Education Report

At the February 6, 2017 Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a change order for the Support Services Building and a pay application for the ADA compliant construction being completed at the stadium. For the February 20, 2017 Board meeting, Board members will discuss and possibly vote on the proposed Random Drug Testing Policy. Shawnee Heights Board members purposely did not put the Policy on the last meeting so they could gather as much information as possible. Mr. Edwards reminded DAC members that the public is welcome to attend any and all Board of Education meetings.

7. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent’s Report

- **GreatSchools.org**

Dr. Stessman showed DAC members the GreatSchools.org website, which is a rating site used by Zillow to rate schools for parents who are searching for a home to purchase. This site is based entirely on state assessment scores, but having the public submit favorable reviews is very helpful. Realtors use this website as well as families outside of Shawnee County when looking for homes. Dr. Stessman encouraged the DAC to show this site to their Site Councils and PTO’s as many do not know this site exists.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Stessman distributed a handout outline the state budget and tax issues. In laymen’s terms, the state of Kansas is broke and behind on payments. Dr. Stessman explained that the district currently has \$1.4 million in contingency reserve, however, the senate may force districts to use it. If the senate cuts Shawnee Heights’ budget 2% or more, the district will be forced to use the reserve funds. Because the session is not over until May, all budget decisions will not be made until we are certain what action the state will take. If we are cut more than 2%, it will be critical and some positions will be in jeopardy.

- **Capital Outlay Projects**

Dr. Stessman updated DAC members on Capital Outlay projects and plans. Plans are to keep a close eye on spending and if a project is bid over budget, it will be delayed. Currently, a new entrance to the training room is under construction. Dr. Stessman explained that the same company working on the ADA stadium compliance will also be completing this project.

Dr. Stessman was able to show District Advisory Council members the preliminary logos, fonts, and colors of the grade schools and district. Work is still underway for the high school and middle school logos and colors. These will need Board of Education for approval before all is finished.

8. Becky Greer – Curriculum Director

- **Professional Development and Curriculum**

Becky asked DAC members if there was anything they wished a teacher would be trained in. Mrs. Greer is currently working with PDC members for next year’s training schedule. She asked the members if they had any ideas after the meeting to email them to her. One suggestion was to have training for counselors on depression. Another was different languages to choose from, elementary art for 4th through 6th grades. Other items mentioned were social skills and behavior because of technology (cell phones, tablets, etc.).

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

None.

10. Adjournment

Michael Mayfield adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.