

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

March 13, 2017

Those present were:

Dr. Martin Stessman
Rebecca Greer
Erica Price

Reenie Olson
Julie Liedtke
Jennifer Wilcox

Leslie Florence
Joel Manzanares
Jeannie Gish

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Erica Price.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Jennifer Wilcox moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Joel Manzanares, motion carried 8-0.

3. Approve Minutes of February 13, 2017.

Reenie Olson moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017. Seconded by Julie Liedtke, motion carried 8-0.

4. Communications and Announcements

None.

5. Site Council and PTO Reports

Leslie Florence – Tecumseh South Elementary Site Council

The South Site Council reviewed Title I expenses and received feedback on grade level collaboration. The new Pre-K program proves to be valuable and teachers are pleased with the results. The Site Council is reviewing teacher requests as well as attendance procedures. They are providing feedback for budgets cuts and reviewing Site Council activities for next year.

Reenie Olson – Shawnee Heights High School Booster Club

Staff and students have developed a “T-Bird Pantry” that will be stocked with food, clothing, toiletries, etc. The counselors will have access to it and those who have a need will remain anonymous.

Julie Liedtke – Berryton Elementary PTO

Approximately \$3,800 was raised by the silent auction held February 16th. Berryton collected 538 box tops. April 17-21 will be the Berryton Book Fair with an Open House scheduled for April 20th.

Jennifer Wilcox – Shawnee Heights Elementary Site Council

Discussion at the last SHES Site Council meeting consisted of the Communities that Care survey, the KESA Accreditation and the Book Fair held during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Elementary Site Council

No report.

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Elementary PTO

Tecumseh North had a successful Book Fair and reported large attendance for a Bingo night paired with hamburgers. Tecumseh North students can enjoy skate night at Starlite Skate on March 30th.

Erica Price – Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation

The Major Saver Fundraiser cards raised \$23,497.50 for the schools and Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation. The breakdown is as follows: Berryton - \$3,607.50; SHES - \$2,568.75; Tecumseh North - \$2,850.00; Tecumseh South - \$1,935.00; Shawnee Heights Middle School - \$768.75; Foundation card sales - \$18.75; and \$11,748.75 going to the Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation for scholarship and classroom grants. Teacher grants are due April 14th and Scholarship Applications are due March 31st.

6. Joel Manzanares – Board of Education Report

The recent Shawnee County Spelling Bee was held in the High School Auditorium. The new auditorium has received great reviews for the state of the art facility. The Random Drug Testing Policy and the new school and district logos have been tabled until it is certain all seven board members are present at a meeting to vote. The Shawnee Heights Boys Basketball team placed first in the KSHSAA 5A State Championship and Mr. Manzanares felt Shawnee Heights athletes and the student body represented themselves well.

7. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent’s Report

The Major Saver card sales had declined from last year. Dr. Stessman asked DAC members what their thoughts are regarding increasing sales and some felt that more communication was the key. Perhaps selling them at a different time of the year, having an app instead of carrying around the card and more communication on the following areas:

- Cards can be bought online
- The purchase can be credited to a student or school
- Cards can be ordered for local and out of town areas and still be credited to a school or student of choice

Classroom grant applications were emailed to teachers and the Foundation board members received the scholarships to review. They will meet March 31st to discuss and award scholarships.

Kindergarten enrollment projections for next year are the lowest on more than 15 years. District enrollment has declined by 100 students this year and will likely be down another 100 next year. District administrators will look closely at staffing and some kindergarten teachers may need to move to another position or school.

The ADA compliance construction at the football stadium is near completion. A few other upgrades to make the district look more appealing have also been accomplished. The new entrance at Tecumseh North will be the next project to complete.

8. Becky Greer – Curriculum Report

Mrs. Greer reviewed the Professional Development schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. Each of the 6 attendance centers at Shawnee Heights have leadership teams and they all have input before school starts and periodically throughout the year to assess the professional development structure and revise as needed. Some professional development activities include New Teacher Academy, Quantum Training, Mandt Training, Science Kit training, and Literacy Tutor training. These professional development activities are funded through general funds.

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

None.

10. Adjournment

Jennifer Wilcox moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Joel Manzanares, motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

*The next meeting for the District Advisory Council will be Monday, April 10, 2017.
This will be the last meeting of the District Advisory Council for the 2016-2017 school year.*