

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

September 12, 2016

Those present were:

Dr. Martin Stessman
Rebecca Greer
Reenie Olson
Mike Mayfield
Abigail Rebollar

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 Dr. Stessman

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

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

Dr. Stessman reviewed the purpose of the District Advisory Council as well as the by-laws, mission and membership.

4. Communications and Announcements

None.

5. Introduction of Members

Each member introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

6. Election of Officers

Mike Mayfield was elected Chairperson of the District Advisory Council and Erica Price elected as the Coordinator for the 2016-2017 school year. Seconded by Reenie Olson, motion carried 12-0.

Mike Mayfield then presided over the meeting.

7. Site Council/PTO Reports

Jennifer Wilcox – Shawnee Heights Elementary PTO

No meeting yet. No report.

Leslie Florence – Tecumseh South Site Council

No meeting yet. No report.

Kim Pentico – Tecumseh South PTO

The Tecumseh South PTO will be meeting September 13th. The Tecumseh South Carnival will be held September 17th.

Tamara Edington – Shawnee Heights Middle School PTO

The Middle School PTO is reviewing costs to have two to three bottled water fountains installed where current fountains are located. The cost is \$1,200 per unit. Erica Price, Tecumseh North Site Council and PTO member, is interested in more information regarding the water bottle fountains.

Julie Liedtke – Berryton Elementary PTO

The Berryton PTO meets September 13th. The Berryton Carnival will be held October 1st.

Reenie Olson – High School Booster Club

The Homecoming theme this year is “Natural Disasters.” The Booster Club is accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame and are asking for volunteers who would like to help decorate the display cases.

7. Site Council/PTO Reports (cont.)

Erica Price – Tecumseh North PTO

Tecumseh North PTO made \$856.00 from the sale of their spirit wear. Parent night was held later in the year and attendance was down. Tecumseh North PTO, Site Council and staff members are looking at ways to increase attendance. Tecumseh North's PTO Skate Night will be September 22nd. The school carnival will be October 1st. McTeacher Night will be October 4th at the Topeka Boulevard McDonald's location. October 20 is Donuts with Dads.

Erica Price – Tecumseh North Site Council

The Boys and Girls Club, paid for by Title Funds, has begun at Tecumseh North with approximately 50 students.

Erica Price – Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation

The annual Shawnee Heights Public Schools Foundation Breakfast will be at 7:30, October 17th at the High School South Commons. A golf tournament was held August 5th and \$7,066.20 was raised from this event. Sales of name plates on the auditorium seats is continuing and Major Saver fundraising cards will be sold November 21 through December 2.

Mike Mayfield – High School Site Council

No meeting. No report.

8. Joel Manzanares – Board of Education Report

Construction of the new Support Services Building is underway. Completion is slated for the end of October. Plans have started to make the football field ADA compliant so construction will soon begin. Bids are due October 2nd. The length of some seating will be shortened as well as additional handrails installed.

9. Dr. Martin Stessman – Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stessman distributed a copy of the 2016-2017 Board of Education Goals and reviewed them with the District Advisory Council. He also distributed the ten-year mill levy history and noted that the district levy decreased almost one mill from last year. The district mill levy is about the same as it was in 2009-2010. He reviewed the number of students this year compared to previous years and student population has declined approximately 100 students over the last two years. Kindergarten and first grade are the smallest classes in the district. He believes this may be due to the economy and is hopeful that there will be a new school finance formula in place next year that will result in additional school funding. Oral arguments for the Supreme Court ruling are scheduled for September 21st, but Dr. Stessman believes it will be at least a year and a half before districts will see any significant changes.

10. Becky Greer – Curriculum Director

• **Accreditation Process**

Mrs. Greer displayed a video from Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education relative to the new Accreditation Process. She then explained that the District Leadership Team has met and has begun the process of the changes. Questions District Leadership Team members asked themselves are, *Where are we?* and *Where do we need to be?* This is the first accreditation change in Kansas in over twenty years. Accreditation will be done in five year cycles. Some of the components the Kansas State Department of Education is asking for, Shawnee Heights already does. She reviewed the "Five R's" KSDE is looking for in the new accreditation model: Relationships, Relevance, Responsive Culture, Rigor and Results. She then explained how Shawnee Heights does have work to do, but we are off to a great start.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.