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SBDM MEETING MINUTES, April 20th, 2017 5:15PM

Roll Call

Mr. Poiry called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

Members Present: Mr. Michael Poiry, Mrs. Robin Bisig, Ms. Melissa Hrycak, Mrs. Trish Nagle, Mr. Travis Fletcher

Members Absent: Mrs. Shannon Points, Mrs. Jannet Foxworth, Ms. Bernadette Leonard

Guests: Mrs. Mary Rotatori, Ms. Carrie Judd

Opening Business

a. Agenda Approval – Agenda was approved by consensus.

b. March 9th Minutes – Minutes were approved by consensus.

c. Good News Report –

- OMS had four students qualify for the National History Bee to be held in Atlanta in June - Kaden Tharp (8th), Darius Klein (7th), Allen Lin (7th), Lukas Hedon (7th). Additionally, 3 students took a written Geography Test and qualified for the U.S. Geography Olympiad - Kaden Tharp (8th), Darius Klein (7th), and Dylan Fogt (7th). The History Club is coached by Ms. Gwyn Dicken.
- The annual Fine Arts Expo and PTSA Spaghetti Dinner was a great success.
- Mr. Randy Franzoi has recently been awarded a National Grant to support the OMS Bike Club (a STEM activity). This recognition identifies OMS as one of the top 20 nationally ranked programs and was the only middle school bike club recognized in the Greater Cincinnati area. Congratulations Mr. Franzoi!
- Ms. Carrie Judd organized an outstanding Truth or Consequences event! It was received very well by students, parents, and even Central Office personnel. Interest has been shown in expanding the program to all district middle school in the future. Well done, Mrs. Judd!

d. Public Comment – Mrs. Rotatori voiced concern about the preparation of students from OMS (specifically those in the Blended Learning Teams) for High School. She believes they are already perceived differently and worries this will compound the problem. It was explained that the Blended Learning Teams are providing skills to those students --- recognition of learning styles, personal responsibility for success, etc. --- which may, in reality, make them better prepared. She also shared that she attended the recent Board Workshop regarding the change to the grading scale and felt that the Board was not receptive to the idea. Mr. Poiry explained that it is likely to be a 5-year process and that change should not be expected immediately.

Reports

a. Activity Funds - Report was reviewed and approved by consensus.

b. SBDM Funds - Report was reviewed and approved by consensus.

c. Summit Update - Orientation meetings have been scheduled for each grade level to introduce Blended Learning and discuss other district initiatives. Additional meetings will be held later in the summer specifically for those students assigned to a Blended Learning Team. Current and incoming Blended Learning Team teachers have been collaborating with CEMS in preparation of on-boarding new staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

d. Rosetta Update - For the 2017-2018 school year, all students will participate in a 25 minute period of Rosetta Stone Spanish during BOLD. (Students who have started Japanese at Erpenbeck Elementary will be offered that option.) The only exceptions will be Chorus, Jazz Band, and Bike Club. Students who are identified as requiring remediation in either Reading or Math will be provided log-in information so they can participate at home.

Old Business

a. Policy Review (2nd Reading) - Visitor Policy - Reviewed and approved as printed.

New Business

a. Staff Allocations 2017-2018 - Council reviewed and approved the proposed staff allocations as presented.

b. Proposed Budget 2017-2018 - Council reviewed and approved the proposed budget as presented.

c. Program Review - Mrs. Judd presented the Program Review for Practical Living/Vocational Skills. Council approved by consensus.

d. Policy Review (1st Reading) - BYOD Policy - Reviewed and approved as printed. Mr. Poiry noted that, while it is not specifically noted in the policy, school-owned Chromebooks cannot be used in the cafeteria for fear of damage. Council discussed recent concerns expressed by teachers about the distraction of cell phones in class. As stated in the policy, students should be keeping cell phones in their lockers; teachers have the opportunity to issue consequences as listed.

e. Policy Review (1st Reading) - Writing Policy -The ELA department presented a newly revised version of the Writing Policy. It was reviewed and approved as printed.

Adjournment

Council was adjourned by consensus at 6:03 PM. The next regular SBDM Council meeting will be held on May 11th at 5:15 pm.