

OCKERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SBDM MEETING MINUTES, October 8th, 2015 5:15PM

Roll Call

Mr. Poiry called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Members Present: Mr. Michael Poiry, Mrs. Robin Bisig, Mr. Mark Johnson, Ms. Carrie Judd, Ms. Amy Knight, Mr. Travis Fletcher

Members Absent: None

Guests: Ms. Mary Rotatori, Mrs. Sarah Baker

Opening Business

- a. **Agenda Approval** – Agenda was approved by consensus.
- b. **September 10th Minutes** – Minutes were approved by consensus.
- c. **Good News Report** –
 - Mr. Poiry shared that test scores have been released --- he is proud of our performance; OMS showed strong growth in 4 areas (specifically reading) and good progress with the GAP group.
 - We are approaching the end of the first quarter and have noticed a significant reduction in student behavior issues. Mr. Poiry credits better reward/incentive programs and more consistency on the part of the teachers and administration.
 - Mr. Poiry recognized Ms. Judd for her efforts involved in coordinating Reality Store for our 7th graders. She is currently planning Career Day for December as well as other PLCS activities.
- d. **Public Comment** –
 - Mrs. Rotatori asked if archery would again be offered at OMS. Mr. Poiry said that information is coming soon.
 - Mrs. Rotatori asked if we will be supporting the World Language Program Review. Mr. Poiry confirmed that we would.
 - Mrs. Rotatori asked if there was an explanation for the differences in scores between OMS and other schools in the county. Mr. Poiry explained that our demographics are significantly different from some of the other schools to which she was referring which will have an impact on our student performance. He affirmed that the quality of teachers and instructional practice at OMS is at least comparable.
 - Mrs. Rotatori expressed several concerns regarding a recent bullying issue. Mr. Poiry explained that he could not address those concerns since it pertained to specific students.
 - Mrs. Knight shared that she is participating in the Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (GCIPL) which is an advanced training program for parents who want to be more involved in their child's school. Part of her

participation involves creating a project that is designed to impact student learning. Current ideas include promoting more business engagement, developing a reading pair-up program, etc.

Reports

- a. Activity Budget** – Council reviewed and approved by consensus.
- Mr. Poiry noted that approximately \$3,300 from the “lock” account had been reallocated. Mr. Brauch is confident he can operate the school lock program with a balance of \$2,500. The reallocation will be earmarked to use toward a new, electronic marquee. Estimated cost is \$20-25,000 which will be split 50/50 with Central Office.
 - Additional funds MAY come from the yearbook account (balance is too high).
 - Profit from Fall and Spring pictures will be put toward more technology.
- b. SBDM Budget** – Council reviewed and approved by consensus.
- Recent purchase of a Chrome Book cart to be assigned to the 6th grade primarily for Math Remediation. (\$9,800)
 - The Tax Adjustment recently passed by the Board will provide additional tech support to middle schools.

Old Business

- a. Extended Library Hours** – Mrs. Jean Chapman will be supervising the additional after school library hours as approved at the last meeting.

New Business

Mr. Poiry reviewed the GAP Report. GAP identification is NOT based on academic performance but rather on demographics to include ethnicity, ELL, Special Education, Free/Reduced lunch, etc. This is a “non-duplicated” group, meaning students might identify in multiple areas but still only count as ONE member of the group. OMS had the best GAP Group performance in the district!

Adjournment

Council was adjourned by consensus at 6:02 PM.
The next regular SBDM Council meeting will be held on November 12th, at 5:15 pm.