

OCKERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SBDM MEETING MINUTES February 19th, 2014 5:15PM

Roll Call

Mr. Poiry called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Members Present: Mr. Michael Poiry, Mrs. Robin Bisig, Mrs. Tricia Widener, Mrs. Linda Pumphrey, Mrs. Kim Borgman, Mr. Kevin Kennedy, Ms. Beverly Coe

Members Absent: Mr. Andre Owen

Guests: Mrs. Cindy Kennedy, Ms. Mary Rotatori, Mrs. Kathy Bacelieri, Mrs. Sarah Baker

Opening Business

- a. **Agenda Approval** – Agenda was revised & approved by consensus.
- b. **January 15th Minutes** – Minutes were approved by consensus.
- c. **Good News Report** –
 - i. Congratulations were offered to Mr. Doug Logan. He was selected as the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher of the Year by the Simon Kenton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has also been named the Kentucky Society aware winner and has been presented as a candidate at the National Society. The award recognizes a teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750-1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current, accepted, curriculum requirements. Mr. Logan will be able to choose a trip to one of the following seminars: Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, PA, Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Workshop in Williamsburg, VA, Jefferson Symposium at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, or SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution.
 - ii. Our 8th Grade Girls Basketball team finished their season as the Regional Runner – Up.
 - iii. OMS Cheerleaders were recognized as the National Champions at Jamfest SuperNationals. This recognition earned them a Paid Bid to U.S. Finals in Chicago over Spring Break. Mrs. Bacelieri has been notified that the team will receive a proclamation from the Mayor of Florence.
- d. **Public Comment** –
 - i. Mrs. Cindy Kennedy addressed the council regarding the Bring Your Own Device policy. Specific questions were whether teachers are currently implementing the policy and whether the council is prepared to update the policy as the school WiFi capability improves. Mr. Poiry responded that teacher use remains as it has been and reiterated that the policy will be adjusted as the ability and need arises.

- ii. Mrs. Rotatori addressed the council regarding her concerns about how students coming from Ockerman are received by their respective high schools. Specific concerns mentioned included lack of information from some high school regarding programs, try-outs, etc. and variations in course offerings between middle school (specifically foreign language) which result in differing paths for high school students coming from different middle schools. Mr. Poiry responded that communication coming from the various high schools does, in fact, vary in its availability. Parents are encouraged to contact the appropriate high school with their concerns and be vigilant about visit the high school website for information. In regards to the variety of course offerings, Mr. Poiry explained that personnel allocations often make it difficult, if not impossible, to offer all of the electives in which students may be interested.
- iii. Mrs. Rotatori also asked about the Boone County grade scale and expressed concern that “95% of the nation is on a 10-point scale, putting our students at a disadvantage” regarding scholarships, athletics, National Honor Society, etc. Mr. Poiry addressed her concerns and explained that ultimately this issues are resolved by the Boone County Board of Education..

Reports

- a. **Activity Budget** –Report was discussed & approved by consensus.
- b. **SBDM Budget** – Report was discussed & approved by consensus.

Old Business

Emergency Plan Policy – Second Reading – The Emergency Plan Policy was reviewed and discussed. Consensus was reached. This information will be added to the OMS SBDM Policy Manual.

New Business

- a. **Archery Club** – Tabled to a future meeting.
- b. **Program Review – Arts & Humanities** – Mrs. Bacelieri updated the Council on the progress of the Program Review for Arts & Humanities.

Adjournment

Council adjourned at 6:40 pm.
The next regular SBDM Council meeting will be held on March 19th, at 5:15 pm.