

# OCKERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### **SBDM MEETING MINUTES August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5:15PM**

#### **Roll Call**

Mr. Poiry called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

**Members Present:** Mr. Michael Poiry, Mrs. Robin Bisig, Mrs. Linda Pumphrey, Ms. Beverly Coe, Mr. Andre Owen, Mrs. Shannon Points, Mr. John Courtney, Mrs. Kim Borgman

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Mary Rotatori, Brandy Exeler, Dianne Kindzierski, Lisa Rooks

#### **Opening Business**

- a. **Agenda Approval** – Agenda was approved by consensus.
- b. **July 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes** – Minutes were approved by consensus.
- c. **August 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes** – Minutes were approved by consensus.
- d. **Good News Report** –
  - i. Today was a VERY successful first day!!
  - ii. Special recognition to the custodial staff for their excellent work over the summer getting the building ready for the start of school.
  - iii. Congratulations to Mr. Doug Logan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade US History Teacher, for receiving the American History Teacher of the Year Award from the Sons of the American Revolution.
- e. **Public Comment** – Ms. Exeler addressed the council on behalf of the other guests to express concern about the newly instituted policy prohibiting backpacks, totebags, purses, etc. in the classroom. Concern was expressed that female students would not be able to have purses in which to carry necessary personal care items. It was also pointed out that, in respect to safety, weapons are rarely brought to school or used in school shootings by female students. Mr. Poiry and members of the council responded to their concerns explaining that safety concerns are not just regarding weapon concealment but rather a trip hazard in already overcrowded classrooms. It was also explained that prohibiting backpacks promotes better organization as students are not as likely to try to carry all of their supplies. Mr. Poiry noted that a revision to the policy is on the agenda.

Ms. Rotatori asked for information regarding an Archery Team/Club. Mrs. Borgman explained that the process is underway but that it will take some time to gather the necessary funds, equipment, etc.

#### **Reports**

- a. **Activity Budget** – Not available
- b. **SBDM Budget** – Not available

**Old Business**

**a. Backpack Policy (M. Poiry)** – Mr. Poiry explained that, in addition to the parents in attendance, he had received many questions regarding the new backpack policy. After further consideration, the council agreed to amend the policy as follows: *Backpacks must remain in lockers during the school day. Female students will be permitted to carry purses no larger than 8"x8". (String backpacks are acceptable to carry to and from PE classes. However, they need to be returned to lockers immediately after PE classes.)*

**New Business**

**a. Policy Review** – Council needs to review the Ockerman SBDM policies regarding Curriculum, Committees, and Extracurricular Activities at the next regular meeting (September). Members were provided with copies of the current policy as well as a sample policy from KASC (Kentucky Association of School Councils).

**b. Scheduling Committee** – Mr. Poiry explained the current structure of the Master Schedule, the rationale behind the change, and the accompanying impact on instructional/teacher planning time. He asked Council to approve a Committee to investigate alternatives to our Master Schedule which would meet the mandate of remediation and enrichment as well as meet the needs of the entire staff regarding planning time and instructional time. The council approved the formation of this committee by consensus. Mrs. Kim Borgman agreed to serve as chairperson.

**Adjournment**

Council was adjourned by consensus at 6:05pm.  
The next regular SBDM Council meeting will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15 pm.