Meeting Date: Monday, October 21st, 5 p.m.
Location: Administration Building
Roll Call: Board members present were:
Cindy Gibbs, vice president,
Becky Gooch, Jay Sherrill, Charity Avery. Also present were:
Dr. Melani Mouse, assistant superintendent; Sandy Lemaster, board clerk
Next Meeting: Monday, November 4th, 5 p.m.

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Pam Doughty, an adjunct orchestra teacher, spoke to the board about e-mail addresses.

Jay Sherrill thanked Windsor Hills for their discussion about creating a love of reading. He also thanked Shannon Meeks for the Budget Hearing Report. Mr. Sherrill said he hoped everyone had a wonderful Fall Break.

Charity Avery also thanked Windsor Hills for their presentation on reading. She also said she attended the Western Oaks 6th grade band concert. She was proud to see her daughter play the trumpet. She said children with special needs can do anything.

Becky Gooch congratulated Mike Hardesty on receiving the Legacy Award. She said he is so impressive. Mrs. Gooch also said, “Mike Hardesty is the epitome of a servant leader.”

Board Renews Partnership

Smart Start in the Schools (SSITS) is a partnership among Smart Start Central Oklahoma, Metropolitan Library System, Feed the Children, and Putnam City Public Schools. It is a collaborative family engagement initiative that promotes school readiness activities to parents and caregivers of young children. Parents/Caregivers and their young children attend activities at the participating school where they engage in a fun activity with their child led by a trained facilitator. Children are given an age-appropriate book for participating.

Last year, thirteen Putnam City Schools offered approximately six Smart Start in the Schools activities, for a total of 78 activities offered district wide. SSITS served 207 parents and/or caregivers of young children and 361 children. They distributed 361 books during these activities. Continued on Page 2.
The following results are based on surveys collected from program participants during the 2018-19 school year:
- 95% of respondents reported they will use what they learned at SSITS with their child
- 82% of respondents reported they will read to their child four or more times a week
- 69% of respondents reported they will talk and sing more with their child

The Administration Team held their first Student Advisory meeting for the 2019-2020 school year. The Superintendent’s Administration Team will meet with students from three more schools throughout this school year for the Student Advisory program. Administrators eat with students and discuss their schools. Students offer feedback of positive aspects and ideas for the future of their school. This first meeting was held at Putnam City North. The Administration Team will travel to Mayfield, Putnam City West, and Cooper this year. Last year they covered several elementary schools. The Administration Team was thoroughly impressed with the students and their discussions. Thank you to Putnam City North for hosting this event! We look forward to hearing from the other schools scheduled this year! See photos in the right column and below.

Cindy Gibbs also congratulated Mike Hardesty for his award. She said he is extremely dedicated. Mrs. Gibbs also said board member, Gail LoPresto, is hoping to return sometime in November. She is absent due to an injury.
Board Highlights

Mike Hardesty was awarded the Legacy Award by the Putnam City Museum committee at Putnam City High. The surprise award was revealed during a pep rally. Mr. Hardesty has served for decades at PCH. Several PCH alumni attended to support Mr. Hardesty. Student Council and Leadership are two of the programs he has invested in while working with students at PCH. Thank you, Mr. Hardesty, for your decades of service to Putnam City! See photos below and in the right column.

Over 800 orchestral musicians spanning from all across the state auditioned to earn a spot in the 2019 North Central Honors Orchestra (NCHO). Forty-four Putnam City orchestra students were selected for this year’s Honor Orchestra. This is the largest number of Putnam City students to earn a spot at the Regional Honor Orchestra in over a decade!

Good News from Putnam City Schools

Last week Putnam City Schools presented a check to Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) to benefit cancer research. The Journal Record and Nursing Times both covered this year’s donation. Don’t forget to sign up for the upcoming PC Cancer Classic to participate or contribute! Sign up online at www.pccancerclassic.com.
Putnam City High School placed second at the OSSAA One-Act Regionals. They will go on to compete at the state competition, hosted at PCHS on October 26th. Madison Grant also received the honor of being named to the All-Star Cast. Bravo, PCH!

Putnam City Police officers spent a few days reading to boys at Lake Park Elementary recently. The book they read was, “A Boy Like You.” The students enjoyed having officers read to them about kindness and being who you are. Photos of Cpl. Steve Jurczewsky reading are in the right column and below.