

OCMS SBDM

APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2023 Meeting called to order by | Mr. Tim Caldwell

Record of Council Proceedings – Minutes – September 14, 2023

The Oldham County Middle School Council met at Oldham County Middle School in Buckner, Kentucky on Thursday, September 14, 2023 for a Meeting.

In Attendance

Members in attendance: **Mr. Tim Caldwell** – Chairman-Present, **Heather Dremov**-Teacher-Present; **Meagan Palmer**-Teacher-Present; **Kirsten Moody**-Teacher-Present; **Lisa Doelker**-Parent-Present; **Rossana Elkhatib**-Minority Parent-Present; **Laura Setters**-Parent-Present; Vicki Lowery-Classified Rep-Present.

Council Items- The meeting was called to order by Mr. Caldwell at 4:17 p.m.

1. Review of the September Agenda – A motion was made by Heather Dremov to approve the September Agenda. It was seconded by Kirsten Moody and approved by consensus.
2. Approval of August Draft Minutes – A motion was made Lisa Doelker to approve the August Draft Minutes. It was seconded by Laura Setters and approved by consensus.
3. Council Action and Review Items.
 - a. Review and approve/amend SBDM Bylaws (3-5). A motion was made by Laura Setters to approve SBDM Bylaws 3-5 and it was seconded by Meagan Palmer and approved by consensus.
4. Principal Update
 - a. Re-Branding Update. Mr. Caldwell showed the Council drawings of a draft of the re-branding. There were questions regarding some of the wall art and Mr. Caldwell mentioned there was still an approximate 2 week window if anyone had further suggestions on modifications.
 - b. Color Battle Goal: Mr. Caldwell spoke with Becky Crone and PTSA regarding this year’s color battle fundraiser. Their goal this year is \$15,000.00. The color battle has changed some this year with more events being held outside for students to participate instead of just dumping the paint on people. The group is still discussing ideas on what we want to spend the money on this year. Some ideas that were floated around were:
 - i. on site Field Trips for students because of the expense of admissions, buses, substitutes it may be more feasible to have the field trips come to us;
 - ii. building Pride within the building by updating student spaces, front lobby, café, etc.;
 - iii. provide more enhancing Learning Experiences for kids, possibly coordinating with ideas the district may have planned for the upcoming years;
 - iv. some new benches out front of the building;
 - v. outside area for students
 - vi. trophy case area

vii. Area for spirit wear;

viii. Hallway updates

c. Early Release Day Feedback: Mr. Caldwell explained that due to the expense to the district in providing Teacher Work Days without student they reduced the number of the Teacher Work Days and have implemented Early Release Days into our schedule. Now there are 3 TWD and 6 ERD. On the ERDs the goal is provide deeper learning with more hands-on projects thru student involved activities. Mr. Caldwell reviewed with the Council some of the feedback that was received about having or not having enough time with students. We want to emphasize that we are focusing on giving the students a voice so we want to make sure we utilize our time effectively. We will be summarizing what teachers and students did on their first ERD. We will be meeting with the Student Leadership Council on September 29th to gather feedback from those students as well.

5. General Public Feedback - None at this time however Mr. Caldwell did discuss with the Council where we are with the iReady diagnostic testing. He told them information would be going home to parents with information on how to interpret the testing information. These results will show parents where their students are on different standards, it gives suggestions of what to do to help the student and contains a lot more resources than MAP testing did.

6. At 5:07 p.m. a motion was made by Rossana Elkhatib to close the meeting which was seconded by Kirsten Moody and Mr. Caldwell adjourned the regular held meeting.

Agenda for Next Month:

Any additional items for the next meeting: please email to Mr. Caldwell at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 4:15 p.m. in Room 108 at OCMS.

Mr. Tim Caldwell, Principal

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