

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Room 114, August 11, 2023

Members present Linda Bryant=Butler, Gail Crust, Heidi Russell, Emily Lavretta, Payal Chhabra, Tommy Thornton, Shannon Carey and Principal, Kelly Parker

Members absent Steve Akinboro, Franca Marsh

Guests Katie Kinsey, Lea-Anne Moxley

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 am by Kelly Parker.

Gail Crust moved to approve the agenda for the August 11, 2023, meeting. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gail Crust moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2023, meeting. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Principal Parker asked that his appointees, Linda Bryant=Butler and Steve Akinboro be approved. Gail Crust moved to approve. Emily Lavretta seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Heidi Russell nominated Gail Crust to Chair this year's Council. There were no other nominations. Emily Lavretta made the motion to approve the nomination. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tommy Thornton nominated Heidi Russell to be this year's Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Shannon Carey made the motion to approve the nomination. Payal Chhabra seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Heidi Russell nominated Emily Lavretta to be this year's Parliamentarian. There were no other nominations. Tommy Thornton moved to approve the nomination. Shannon Carey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Emily Lavretta moved to approve the volunteers for the following committees. Heidi Russell seconded the motion.

Budget and Finance, Gail Crust (Chair), Tommy Thornton, Heidi Russell and Payal Chhabra

Outreach and Communication Shannon Carey (Chair), Emily Lavretta, Steve Akinboro, Linda Bryant=Butler and Franca Marsh

Principal Selection Gail Crust, Tommy Thornton, Heidi Russell, and Shannon Carey

There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Heidi Russell moved to appoint Payal Chhabra and Emily Lavretta, as her second, to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gail Crust presented the proposed SGC dates for SY 23-24. Dates were accepted.

Principal Parker informed the Council:

County wide, student enrollment is down in kindergarten.

TRMS ESOL enrollment is up.

SGC will not be getting Safety money this year as the County will be spending the State funds on placing film on school windows and installing a card reading system for school entry.

TRMS has an open paraprofessional position, and an open SEC Math teacher position.

Principal Parker shared that our students taking the National Spanish Exam placed #2 in the nation. Also, the 110 students taking our High School Physical Science EOC test scored #1 in the district. State ranking has not yet been determined but our students are expected to be in the top levels.

There was a discussion of items to be included on next month's agenda.

Heidi Russell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:53. Linda Bryant=Butler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.