

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Room 114, September 8, 2023

Members present Linda Bryant-Butler, Gail Crust, Heidi Russell, Emily Lavretta, Payal Chhabria, Tommy Thornton, Shannon Carey, Steve Akinboro, Franca Marsh and Principal, Kelly Parker

Guests: PTA President, Kelly Allmon-Davis

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM by Gail Crust.

Heidi Russell moved to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2023, meeting. Linda Bryant-Butler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Emily Lavretta moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2023, meeting. Franca Marsh seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council members that were not present at the August meeting were informed of their committee assignments.

Current meeting norms were discussed. No changes were requested.

Semester Action Plan

Principal Parker presented the Semester Action Plan. FCS is operating under previous focus areas while the Board establishes a new plan to be implemented next school year. The three focus areas and goals are as follows:

- Relationships and Routines- TRMS will maintain our attendance percentage above 95%
- Tier I- 90% of teachers will implement 2 or more varied instructional strategies
- Interventions- By May 2024, Milestones achievement for students scoring at levels 3 or 4 in ELA and math will increase three percentage points.

Tommy Thornton moved to approve the Semester Action Plan. Shannon Carey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Requests for use of Charter Funds

Available General Funds- \$46,390.00

Requests for Funds- \$57,898.00

Approved

Beth Wiechman requested a total of \$96.98 for furnishings for a designated writing space.

Beth Main requested \$5,100 for an in-house gem mining field trip for 6th grade science students.

Rachel Kidd requested \$8,000 to cover the consulting fees of Thomas Van Soelen to help improve the coaching skills of content chairs.

Principal Parker requested \$13,482 to update hardware and wiring for video screens throughout the building.

Tommy Thornton motioned to approve the above requests. Shannon Carey seconded the motion. The requests were unanimously approved by the council.

Tabled

Dawn Pompey requested \$2,271.50 for 6th grade student t-shirts. The council had suggestions to reduce the price of the shirts or partner with other school activities, such as field day, to have one shirt for both events.

Jolly Abraham requested \$1,154.95 to purchase a retractable map for her classroom. It is possible another county school may have maps they aren't using. The council suggested contacting other schools first.

Principal Parker requested \$26,700 to continue refurbishing the bathrooms. The council suggested waiting to approve this amount due to the percentage of total funds requested.

Tommy Thornton motioned to table the above requests while other avenues are explored. Franca Marsh seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Declined

Jolly Abraham requested \$89.99 for a professional Socrative.com account.

Klio Henderson requested 113.58 for a set of classroom books. There is a book fund that is not managed by SGC where the request will be forwarded.

Katherine Bridges requested \$425 for instructional materials for 6th and 7th grade social studies. A private donor has offered to cover this cost.

Heidi Russell requested \$464 for a set of instructional workbooks.

Tommy Thornton motioned to deny the above requests. Linda Bryant-Butler seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

The Charter Dollar expenditure process was discussed. To ensure all approved funds are used in a timely manner, recipients will have 30 school days to complete their purchase or funds will be returned to the council. Heidi Russell motioned to approve the new process. Linda Bryant- Butler seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Next meeting will include a Superintendent's update.

Linda Bryant-Butler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40AM. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.