

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Rm 114, December 8, 2023

Members present: Gail Crust, Heidi Russell, Emily Lavretta, Tommy Thornton, Shannon Carey, Tiffany McCusker, Principal Parker, Linda Bryant-Butler

Guests: Kellie Allmon-Davis (PTA President), Kristin McCabe (District 5 School Board Member)

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 AM by Gail Crust.

Gail Crust moved to amend the agenda for the December 8, 2023, meeting to include a Superintendent Parent Council update and PTA update. Heidi Russell moved to approve the amended agenda. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Heidi Russell moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2023, meeting. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

No public comments were made.

No new requests for use of charter funds were made. The request for SRO funds will continue to be tabled until more information is available.

Superintendent Update

Introductions were provided for new HR staff. FCS has a 99% fill rate for teacher positions. Some of the content for exit interviews were shared about why staff was leaving/staying. Some of those reasons centered around calendar alignment with other districts. The Level Up Academy was also explained as a way for teachers to continue their education.

PTA Update

Thanksgiving staff luncheon was a success. Spirit nights will continue monthly. Reflections contest school winners have been announced and will move on to the next round. Teachers have requested \$9,275 in the form of mini grants. This exceeds the allocated budget of \$2,000. Spirit night at the Gladiator's game is coming soon. The next Parent University meeting will cover social media.

Principal's Update

2024-2025 school year's projected enrollment for TRMS is 1,295 students. Principal Parker attended the Principal Summit where reading classes in middle school were the main topic of discussion. TRMS already offers advanced reading classes. The goal is to have advanced reading classes in all FCS middle schools by Aug 2024. Test Talks will be returning to TRMS. This gives every student in the school the opportunity to talk to a TRMS educator about their Milestone and iReady data and goals for testing.

Agenda for November Meeting Discussed

Include discussion on spring SGC election preparation.

Heidi Russell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14AM. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.