

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Rm 114, January 12, 2024

Members present: Gail Crust, Heidi Russell, Emily Lavretta, Tommy Thornton, Shannon Carey, Tiffany McCusker, Franca Marsh

Guests: Martha Patorgis (Assistant Principal), Katie Kinsey (SGC Facilitator)

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 AM by Gail Crust.

Gail Crust moved to amend the agenda for the January 12, 2024, meeting to remove the Superintendent's Update and the 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 December 8, 2023, meeting. Franca Marsh seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

There has not been a Superintendent's Council meeting since the December SGC meeting. An update will be provided next month. No PTA update was provided as a representative was not available for today's meeting.

Principal's Update

Faculty will be conducting a data dive on GMA scores. They will look at trends and consider how current instruction can be used to meet goals at all levels. Faculty will also be able to discuss the implementation of new strategies.

Upcoming Election Cycle Discussion

The council discussed obstacles to communication when informing the school community about the upcoming declaration window. Most communication is currently provided through emails which can often get overlooked. Discussed adding SCG 'highlights' to current school email communication. The PTA already has a presence on social media that the council could utilize for communication. Current council members will reach out directly to community members that might be interested in serving on the council. The declaration window opens 2/5-3/29. One teacher position and 2 parent positions will be up for election.

Charter Dollar Expenditure Requests

Available General Funds- \$10,949.35

Approved

Laura Gray requested a total of \$258.58 to provide scooters for the adapted physical education class. These scooters are used in other schools with great success.

Kilo Henderson requested a total of \$350.00 to purchase a half-moon table for the classroom to provide a space for small groups during reading. The school will attempt to source the table from the district's supplies before purchasing.

Kilo Henderson requested a total of \$52.00 to purchase supplemental reading materials for 6th grade students.

Tommy Thornton moved to approve all requests. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda for February Meeting Discussed

PTA and Superintendent's Council Update will be added for informational items. May need to plan for additional meeting between the previously scheduled February and March meetings to approve the school's budget.

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