

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Rm 426, February 9, 2024

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

Guests: Kellie Allmon-Davis

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

Meeting room was moved to Rm 426 due to a scheduling conflict with Rm 114.

Gail Crust moved to amend the agenda for the February 9, 2024, meeting to remove the Superintendent's Update as the most recent meeting was not attended. Franca Marsh moved to approve the amended agenda. Shannon Carey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Heidi Russell moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2024, meeting. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PTA Update

A PTA update was provided by Kellie Allmon-Davis. The 7th grade dance was a success. Eleven mini grants have been awarded to teachers. The first Parent University meeting addressing online safety is coming up. Bingo night is March 27th. This is a family event that will include a DJ, prizes, and food. Tickets will be available for presale only. Spirit night at Crave is next week. There will be a staff luncheon today that will be a Lunar New Year celebration.

Principal's Update

Principal Parker is currently working on the budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The projected enrollment for TRMS is 1,300 students. Currently 3 teaching positions will be open next year, including 2 coaches and a special Education position. Test talks have been going well with many district employees involved.

Upcoming Election Cycle Discussion

The candidate declaration window is open. Current members of the council have reached out to members of the TRMS community to ask if they would be interested in running for a council position. PTA plans to include the SCG information in the next newsletter. Principal Parker could also include the information in an upcoming voicemail.

Charter Dollar Expenditure Requests

Available General Funds- \$6,976.15

Approved

Principal Parker requested a total of \$1,050 to renew the SMORE subscription the school uses for communication.

Samantha Hinds requested a total of \$600.00 to purchase supplemental reading material for 7th grade reading classes.

Monica Ray requested a total of \$400.00 to print the TANGENTS magazine. This magazine highlights young authors and poets at TRMS.

Beth Wiechman requested a total of \$50.00 to purchase ELA manipulatives including sentence building blocks.

Shannon Carey moved to approve all requests. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. Gail Crust abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda for Next Meeting Discussed

The council will participate in a short Teams call on 2/28 to discuss/approve the 2024-2025 school budget.

Heidi Russell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11AM. Tommy Thornton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.