Tyro Middle School
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 14, 2023, 8:15AM

In Attendance: Dan Shamblen, Jake Crim, Tiffini Berrier, Melissa Lord, Allison Monk, Andrea Wright

Business Items:

1. The Advisory Council minutes from January 30, 2023 were approved. Tiffini Berrier made a motion to approve. Jake Crim seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
2. Dan Shamblen reviewed "What is a School Advisory Council?" and provided an informational handout to those in attendance.
3. Election of Chairperson and Secretary. Melissa Lord elected as Chairperson / Andrea Wright elected as Secretary.

New Business Items:

1. New Staff Members at Tyro Middle School, school year 2023/2024, include Coty Bradley-Treasurer, Kristen Adkins-Chorus/General Music, Jade Tolles-Band, Brittany Smith-Instructional Coach, Jessica Beck-CTE (Spring), Thomas Baker-School Counselor, Tiffany Yancey-AIG Specialist, Brandi Sheffield-ESL, Katrina Robbins-Social Worker, Debbie Hill/Marsha Hierl- 7th Grade ELA (Jacob Hollifield-7th Grade ELA (begins 9/25/23)), Angela Bradley-Volz-7th Grade SS and Dan Shamblen-Principal. Dan Shamblen expressed that all new staff are a great fit for Tyro Middle School.

2. Celebrations/Miscellaneous:
    - Tyro Middle School exceeded growth for 2022-2023! Planning for a celebration is underway. PTSO (Pamala) helping with decorations and balloons. Pizza and cake will be provided.

3. School Safety continues to be focused on by all school staff.

4. Curriculum/Resources Update:
    - TAME Curriculum (7th grade) begin date has been postponed. TAME is similar to D.A.R.E, with a middle school approach.
    - Looking to organize groups for Dragon Time. Dragon Time follows Homeroom from 8:05-8:45 am.
    - STAR Assessment for Math and Reading window open (9/11-9/26/23)
    - Check-Ins:
        - November 7: Science (8th only)
        - November 8: Reading (All)
        - November 9: Math (all-except Math 1-December 15, 2023)

5. Athletics:
    - Eligibility information was discussed and an informational handout was provided to those in attendance. Middle school students must meet and maintain eligibility standards to participate in school sponsored athletics. Students begin establishing their eligibility when they enter middle school.
    - A Sportsmanship Initiative will be announced at the beginning of all meets / games.
    - Sports underway include Cheerleading, Football and Softball.
    - Projected projects include clearing around fences on ballfields and securing football field bathrooms.

6. Fine Arts:
    - Teachers will share arrival times and information at a later date for the following concerts.
        - Band: Winter concert: December 12, 2023
        - Chorus: All County Chorus: October 9, 2023 & Winter concert: December 5, 2023

7. PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) - plans for a Dodgeball Tournament and Valentine's Dance. More information to come.

Miscellaneous:

1. Parents will need to **Opt-In** for child to take Panorama Survey (relates to social-emotional learning skills). Form must be signed by a parent and returned to school. Time to do so is September 25-October 6, 2023.
2. October is National Bullying Prevention Month.
    - Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 - 'BLUE UP' for World Day of Bullying Prevention - Staff and students are encouraged to wear BLUE this day
    - Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - UNITY DAY - Staff and students are encouraged to wear ORANGE this day to promote kindness and celebrate inclusion
    - Week of October 23-27, 2023 - RED RIBBON WEEK - more information to come regarding school-wide activities for this week

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wright