**T.K. Stone Middle School**

**SBDM Minutes**

**April 14, 2014**

**Opening**

The T. K. Stone Middle school SBDM meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014 at T. K. Stone Middle School library by Beth Mather.

Present: Erica Frierson, Derisa Hindle, Ashley Atcher, Chris Gardner, Shazia Ahmed, and Beth Mather

**Old Business**

1. The minutes for the regular meeting on March 10, 2014 and the special meeting on March 24, 2014 were reviewed. Derisa Hindle moved to accept the minutes with a second from Erica Frierson. The motion carried.
2. Chris Gardner motioned to accept the financial statement subject audit with a second from Ashley Atcher. The motion carried.
3. The second reading of the amended dress code was reviewed. Ashley Atcher moved we accept the new dress code policy to include a policy on wearing leggings, jeggings, and/or tights with a second from Erica Frierson. The motion carried.
4. Use of Classroom Space - Mrs. Mather and the council discussed the best method utilization of classroom space to meet the needs of our students. By suggestions from the scheduling committee, it was proposed teachers would move based on their grade level. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Chris Gardner with a second from Derisa Hindle. The motion carried.
5. Schedules – Mrs. Mather shared a recommendation from the scheduling committee to adjust the bell schedule, decreasing the time between classes to 3 minutes. With the classes being closer together it was felt 4 minutes between classes would not be needed. Additionally the recommendation was made to have one bell schedule for the 6th grade and one for the 7th & 8th grade. Dismissing the grade levels at two different times would decrease the number of students in the hallways. A motion to approve both recommendations was made by Erica Frierson with a second from Ashley Atcher. This proposal would cut down on hallway incidents, locker disruptions, and continuity by grade level.
6. Budget Update – With an increase in Title 1 funding, the entire salary for the Graduation Assistance Coordinator will now be paid with those funds. The changes in the final Title 1 budget will be adjusted to reflect the total salary once an individual has been hired to fill this vacancy.

**New Business**

1. Technology Update - Mrs. Mather shared the requirement for all CPs to be upgraded to Windows 7. The district will fund this cost, however due to the age of a number of computers, not all will take the upgrade. Mrs. Mather will report at the May meeting on the number of computers which will need to be replaced. Mrs. Rucker and Mr. Elmore are still investigating the use of Chrome Books for the next school year. A report on their findings as well as the cost will be shared at the May meeting.
2. Student Support – A recommendation to add ½ hour to one of the instructional assistants hours to provide a morning check & connect for identified students was discussed. As the review of student data has indicated at least 25% of the students scheduled for Friday School are missing homework on a regular basis, this individual would provide additional support to these students, hopefully decreasing their Friday School attendance and increasing their achievement. Funding for this ½ hour will be paid with funds from Title 1. A motion by Shazia Ahmed was made with a second from Derisa Hindle. The motion carried. Mrs. Mather also requested adding ½ hour to another instructional assistance position to supervise the bus room after school. After much discussion, the council requested Mr. Elmore review the teacher duty positions/locations to determine if this need could be filled with a certified staff member by redistributing the those duties.

Erica Frierson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the SBDM council with a second from Derisa Hindle. The motion carried.

Adjourned: 6:40 pm

 Minutes submitted by: Erica Frierson