Morningside Elementary School

SBDM Minutes

July 27, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm.

Members present were: Kasey Bratcher, Karla Buckingham, Shawn Sizemore, Stacie Stroop, Misti Craig, Phoenix Peeler, Candace Payne, and Laura Beth Hayes entered at 4 pm.

Council reviewed the June 12th, 2015 minutes and current agenda. Shawn Sizemore made the motion to accept the minutes and current agenda. Kasey Bratcher seconded the motion. All were in consensus.

Public comment: none.

Karla Buckingham shared her principal’s report with council member which included the following:

1. Current enrollment: 490 students, broken down as follows:

1st grade—74 students/4 teachers

2nd grade—107 students/5 teachers

3rd grade—110 students/5 teachers

4th grade—104 students/4 teachers

5th grade—88 students/4 teachers

Resource room—8 students

1. Upcoming events: July 29 and 30—Professional development for teachers

August 3—Open House from 5:00-6:30

August 4—Opening day for staff

August 5—Students first day

September 24—Fall Festival

1. Summer update: \*Gym roof has been replaced

\*In process of replacing heating/air condition for whole building

\*New piece of playground equipment installed, old piece removed

\*Pavilion is being re-bid by 2 commercial builders

\*Removal of 2 stone basketball goals, leveling ground to provide additional

parking spaces in rear of building

\*Custodians have “spruced up” outside grounds (painting, landscaping, etc.)

Karla Buckingham reviewed the Section 6 budget and general ledger report with the council. She mentioned that we are now under a new contract with Xerox which should decrease our duplicating costs for the coming school year. Mrs. Buckingham also brought to the councils’ attention the current balance in the General Ledger/Financial Report of $29,178.13 and commented that council needs to determine how best to use this money for our MES students.

Council meeting details are as follows:

Vice Chair—job is to sign off on minutes after approval and conduct meeting if Principal is unavailable: Laura Beth Hayes will fill this position for the 2015-16 school year.

Secretary—job is to take notes during meeting, type notes and share with council members:

Misti Craig will fill this position for the 2015-16 school year.

Meeting time/day—proposed 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30 in MES library. (copy of meeting dates is attached for 2015-16 school year.)

Binders—newly created SBDM binders were passed out to council members for the 2015-16 school year.

Karla Buckingham shared staffing updates with council members.

Laura Straney is the new full-time Speech teacher for Morningside Elementary.

Tommy Hill is the new school Technology Coordinator.

Nancy Slone, current Computer Lab personnel, will retire at the end of September. SBDM members will be charged with deciding what to do with/about this position. The current position is a classified position paid for with ASCP funds. There is no budget to put a certified teacher in the position. This will cause our Specials to now go to a 4 day rotation. Computer Lab will be used as a resource room where teachers will be allowed to sign up for blocks of time to make use of the lab to aid in classroom and technology instruction.

Mrs. Buckingham informed council members that she would like to begin the year reviewing the by-laws because they have not been revised since 2000. Additionally, the council will continue to work on Parent Request policy for possible updates and rewording prior to the 2016-17 school year as well as any other policies that require immediate attention.

Karla Buckingham shared Committee Task and Projects with SBDM council members, with minor revisions to the document. Kasey Bratcher made the motion to accept the changes to the Committee Tasks and Projects; Shawn Sizemore seconded the motion. All were in consensus. Mrs. Buckingham shared that committees were formed at the end of last school year. Grade levels met with the principal and each teacher was able to choose a committee so that there was grade level representation on each committee. Teachers assigned to each committee will be presented at next SBDM council meeting.

Closing Business:

Other Business—none.

August Agenda—Parent Request Policy review

By-Laws review (council members to look at prior to meeting)

List of teachers assigned to Committees

Additional Budgets to look at—ESS and Title I

Next Meeting: August 17th, 2015 at 3:30 pm in MES library.

Adjournment: Kasey Bratcher made the motion to adjourn at 4:41 pm. Shawn Sizemore seconded the motion. All were in consensus.

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