School Advisory Council Meeting – Media Center

Monday, January 27, 2025 @3:15pm with optional remote login

Faculty Attendance – Taylor Johnson, Abigail Sadler, Todd Bowen, Lorinda Nichols, Laurie Jewell, Heather Singletary, Marie Antoine, Chip Hollister, Monique Keaton, Julie Hudson, Laura Strauss, Lori Burchfield

Non- Faculty Attendance – Kim Edwards, Stacey Marks, Julie Luba (sp), Brenda Kelly, Jackie Hitchcock (virtual)

Call to Order – 3:15pm

- I. Review of Minutes from November 18, 2024 meeting
- II. Kim Edwards, treasurer presents financial update, current balance is \$24,822.81
- III. Todd Bowen, maintenance coordinator, presented a request for funds- new vacuums. The current equipment is falling apart, 5 vacuums at \$178 a piece requested. Request tabled to later in the meeting.
- IV. Request of funds from Dani Waler and Kim McMannus for a color printer for the front office. This equipment is used to print out certificates of achievement for the students, door décor and various other projects. Amount of \$745.81, motion to approve passes.
- V. Discussion returns to maintenance request and if request falls under SAC guidelines for budget disbursement. Agreement this would sit under the umbrella of the school improvement plan. Motion to purchase passes.
- VI. Wendi Allen, media center requests funds for the reading program, there has been an uptick in kindergarten readers. 300 children achieved the AR party and 400 anticipated to earn the next party. Request of \$555.65 for brag tags. Request of \$100 to purchase million words t shirts. Request of \$610 for an inflatable for use at the AR celebrations. Discussion about utilizing the Donors Choose program. Discussion about PTO contributions for the AR parties. Motion of \$655.65 to cover brag tags and t shirts passes.
- VII. Lori Burchfield from the VPK classes presents the new 5 Levels grade overview. VPK scored a proficient and has a goal to perform higher. The team is confident and ready to meet this goal.
- VIII. Monique Keaton, principal, update highlighting the school's achievements, why Otis stands out from other private school options. Spoke about the future of the basketball program, Character counts scholarship applications, summer reading program maybe at Otis (pending schedule of the school improvements), local Girl Scout troop in discussion. Pam and DeeDee Mason donated a generous \$5000 to the school. Teacher and Rookie Teacher of the year recognition coming up for Dee Jaffa and Taylor Johnson!