

## Union County Middle School Governance Team Minutes

March 24, 2017

Present: Pam Allison, Kelley Brewer, Denise Driskell, Aunderea Owenby, Leslie Shields, Sean Spade, Gwen Stafford

### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Pam Allison

### II. Action Items

- A. Minutes from the last meeting sent electronically to members
  - Motion to approve made by Denise Driskell
  - Seconded by Sean Spade
  - Vote to approve unanimous
- B. Agenda was sent electronically to members – Drug Testing Discussion Added
  - Motion to approve made by Kelley Brewer
  - Seconded by Denise Driskell
  - Vote to approve unanimous

### III. Discussion Items

- A. Handbook Revisions
  - We are to look over the District Handbook for any revisions we feel should be made to the Middle School section or to the District section. We will discuss these at the May meeting.
- B. Washington DC Scholarship
  - Mrs. Driskell and Mrs. Stafford discussed with the team the plan to offer a partial scholarship to students each year to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip. Mrs. Driskell presented a copy of an application that could be used to pick recipients each year. The amount and number of scholarships would vary each year. Mr. Spade suggested that his 2<sup>nd</sup> period service class could do something to raise money for the scholarships. The scholarship program will go into effect for the 2018 DC trip.
- C. Anti-Drug Presentation and Curriculum
  - Curriculum was purchased for this year for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to do once a month about drug abuse prevention. The teachers have enjoyed the curriculum and it is designed for each year of middle school. Next year it will be purchased for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The Sheriff's Department is also working on a presentation for our school. They are providing one for parents at the High School that we can also invite our parents to attend.
  - We also discussed incorporating a drug testing policy for any student involved in an extra curricular activity. The high school currently has one in place, and we would like to have this also if we can get funding for it. It is random testing 4 times a year, and the team feels it would be beneficial to implement it at the middle school. We would include this in our handbook and use the same section that the high school does.

### IV. Informational Items

- A. AT – School-to-School – Jesse Wild
  - Mr. Wild is from England, and presented a program to the middle school about his hike on the Appalachian Trail. He has linked our school with a school in England, and we will submit writings and other things that he will compile into a book upon his return to England.
- B. Beating the Odds Award – 5 years
  - For the last 5 years, the middle school has received this award based on our demographics and the high scores on our CCRPI.

C. Chromebooks

The chromebooks will be taken up at the end of the school year and stored in the library. The current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be reissued their same chromebook next year, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade chromebooks will be issued to the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

V. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Denise Driskell

Seconded by Kelley Brewer

Vote to adjourn unanimous

Next meeting is May 5 at 11:30

Minutes submitted by Denise Driskell, Secretary