

T.Clay Wood Elementary  
Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2014 • The Library • 6:33 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.

### I. Welcome by Chairperson

Karen Martin, the chairperson welcomed all members.

<b>Members Present</b>	Maureen Ochs • Andrew Buchheit • Karen Martin • Stephanie Griffin • • Ann Marie McCurdy • Karola Scarce • Melissa Yuditsky • Dana Fonner • Renee Watson • Kate Bennett • Mrs. Cowne • Cindy Vollmer • Fanny Martins • Melanie Kynard • Tracy Terwilleger (PTO Liaison)
<b>Members Not Present</b>	Sara Meadows • Bill Muirhead • Crystal Partin • Kathryn Clark (excused) • Liz Paiz • Janna Raper (excused) • Linda Ashpole (excused) • Mary Beth Crowder-Meier • Johann O'Neal

### II. Review/Approval of February 11 Minutes

The minutes for February 11,2014 were reviewed and accepted as written.

### III. Citizen's Time

- No community citizens spoke during open forum time.

### IV. PTO Liaison Report (Tracy Terwilleger):

- SEP program has begun
- Lego and Spa Spirit Night on 2/28.
- Fun Run on 4/4

### V. Chair's Time:

- Guest Wally Covington from BOCS spoke
  - Hot Issues
    - Budget. Tax rate was set at last meeting \$1.58
    - Pool in 12<sup>th</sup> HS
    - Jail bed space running low. BOCS has asked for a study because this is a serious issue for the county
  - Transportation Hot Issues
    - University Drive
    - Rt. 28 funded for widening down to Fitzwater
    - Rt. 66 and 29 exchange finished in a year
  - Stonehaven development goes to Planning Commission in May
  - Questions:

- Any meetings with SB and BOCS set? Working on scheduling
- Evolution of Rural Crescent and public utilities was discussed
- Parks funding
  - Couple \$million approved
  - Gainesville Middle to get Turf field
  - Rollins Ford park in 2016
- Guest Gil Trenum from SB spoke
  - Budget season now
    - Plan includes 2% salary increase
    - Includes lowering class sizes
  - Recess period decrease is hot topic
  - 2018 will see one MS and one ES open
  - 2016 Devlin Rd ES will open
  - 2019 will see 13<sup>th</sup> HS open in Western PWC
  - Plan on holding joint budget session with community again this year
  - Discussed how maintenance reserves work
  - \$100 million in reserve funds – used for additions and other similar items.
- Topics for SACI Best Practices
  - Family Fitness, Drama program, SEP, Plus 5 Fitness, School garden, Student led announcements, Informational nights, PTO fundraising, Student praising (PAWS), Project Learning Tree, Pledge, Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind
- Dawn Lowther sent update on calorie count for school meals

## **VI. Principal's Time**

Andrew Buchheit, the principal, discussed the following topics:

- Update on overstaffing – teacher received library degree, there is no need to overstaff at this point.
- Time for Kids Scripts to come home soon
- SOL info night 3/13
- PTO nominations soon
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing on 3/12, 3/13, 3/19 and 3/20
- Camp Invention coming this year to T. Clay Wod

## **VII. Superintendent's Advisory Council on Instruction Report**

No meeting due to snowram and the Family Connection Program.

## **VIII. Representative's Time**

- K-1 – Can PTO provide \$\$ for supplies
- 2-3 – good
- 4-5 – fine
- Classified – Fine
- Encore –
  - Science Expo coming
  - Math 24 tourney coming

- SPED/ELL – Good
- HV – Why is science expo optional?
- TH – Nothing to report
- NBV – Nothing to report
- Kettle Run/Schaeffer – Nothing to report
- Student Resource – Nothing to report
- At Large Reps – Nothing to Report
- All discussed Heritage night and distractions and ways to improve

### **IX. Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting date is: Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Library.

### **X. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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