

Tarkanian Middle School
School Organizational Team Minutes
March 20, 2017
4:30 PM

The Tarkanian Middle School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 4:30PM on March 20, 2017. The meeting was held in the library.

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

Members present:

Justin Bastin, Student Representative (non-voting)	Caroline Hall, Parent Representative, Vice Chairperson
Tim Bungum, Parent Representative	Eric Johnson, Principal (non-voting)
Marissa Gaut, Teacher Representative, Secretary	Nancy Lager, Support Staff Representative
Damian Costa, Parent Representative	Heather Mounts, Teacher Representative, Chairperson

Members absent:

2.0 Old Business

2.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Presentation, modification, and approval of minutes from the previous SOT meeting.

The minutes from the meeting dated February 13th, 2017 were presented and approved. Motion by CH to approve minutes, second by TB. In favor of approval of minutes 5-0-0.

3.0 New Business

3.1 TRUANCY DIVERSION PROGRAM: Review of the Truancy Diversion Program offerings and possible ways to incorporate this program into future school years.

The school has put in an application for a truancy court on school campus and will find out if we were accepted. The court comes out monthly and allows incentives and supports for the students. We have over 75 students that have missed at least 15 days this year.

SOT member questions: Are we informing the parents on the information of truancy that they are being held responsible and what is marking as truant?

Response: We send home a letter at 3, 6, 9, and then at 12 absences the letter is sent with a truancy officer.

3.2 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER GRANT: Review of the School Social Worker grant opportunity and possible ways to incorporate this support into future school years.

This grant is being applied for, and could provide for, the behavioral tier two supports for students (It could meet the need we identified as possibly being addressed by a fourth counselor with no cost from the school budget).

SOT member questions: Were there issues identified on the District-Wide Survey that the social worker could potentially help address? Is there a risk factor (down the road) if we lose the grant and the grant money is gone?

4.0 General Discussion

4.1 UPDATES:

School Performance Plan was approved. Title I technology is all coming in since last week, we received 240 chrome books and 14 charging docking carts. Facilities we have our new cameras and are looking to change all the pan-tilt cameras to fixed cameras to have a better quality for zero cost to us, our sound system for the gym was upgraded for \$24,000, and lockers in the 200 hallway allowing for performing arts to have lockers and risers for the choir to perform on for \$11,000, just need to find a storage unit for them.

Staffing for next year, we hired most of the needed staff with the exception of 2 ELA teachers for 7th grade, one of which will be the new leadership teacher.

Comments on finding a new leadership teacher: We could use a review 360 and survey students, parents, and teachers about the leadership program and offerings to determine if a candidate they would make a good fit.

4.2 NVBigGive:

Nevada sets up one day a the year as a push for residents to donate money to charitable organizations online. This is our third year participating in big give. Our first year we earned \$180 and last year we had a technological glitch, but were still able to take in some funds.

SOT member suggestion: What if we did a raffle/drawing for the big give?

4.2 AGENDA PLANNING: Items for Future Agendas: general updates and legislative session impact.

5.0 Information

5.1 NEXT MEETING: TMS Library, April 24th at 4:30 p.m.

5.2 PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEETINGS: Principal's Conference Room, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

6.0 Public Comment Period

6.1 Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters within the jurisdiction of the SOT not listed as action items on the agenda, they may speak during the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be given 2 minutes to address the SOT during this time. Public comment during this agenda item shall not exceed 15 minutes. The public should be aware that the SOT is unable to deliberate or take action on the items raised during the Public Comment Period.

Conversation on changing schedules: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday --- regular schedule 1-6 and Tuesday and Thursday students would swap periods 1 and 2 with periods 5 and 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.