Meeting Minutes – Ola Middle School Council

**Location:** Ola Middle School

**Date:** October 26, 2022

**Time:** 8:45am

## Attendance

1. Christine Anderson
2. Brandy Durden
3. David Griffin
4. Mary Huff
5. Dexter King
6. Charles Moon
7. Lorri Smith
8. Leah Thomason

*\*Quorum confirmed with all members listed above in attendance. No absences reported.*

## Agenda Items

* **Election of Officers**
  + Council nominated, seconded, and elected the following officers for the 2022-23 school year:

**Brandy Durden** – Chair

**Charles Moon** – Vice Chair

**Leah Thomason** - Secretary

* **Henry Cares Check In - Wellness Survey (David Griffin)**
  + Mr Griffin gave OMS specific results from the countywide survey taken in Fall 2022 compared to Spring 2022
  + Highlights included teachers responding with increases in Well Being and Sense of Belonging whilst staff results indicate and increase in Wellbeing but a slight drop in sense of belonging. Student respondent results yielded increases in all categories from Spring 22 survey which shows efforts are having positive impact but work still to be done.
  + Group discussion on opportunities to include staff in recognition activities to bridge any potential gaps between teachers and staff. Also discussed what is being done to maintain or even increase responses by carving out time in day while survey is open to respond.
* **OMS PBIS “Snapshot” (David Griffin)**
  + Reminder of first 2 weeks of school focusing on PRIDE initiative to set the tone on expectations of behavior now that we are back in the academic setting post COVID.
  + Highlighted Mrs Anderson’s and Mr Griffin’s efforts supporting the PRIDE initiative by teaching in the classroom setting a “penny lesson” to demonstrate *Perseverance*.
  + OLA PRIDE Twitter – Increased visibility of PBIS activities on OMS Twitter account such as the “It Starts with Hello” activity for students and faculty this fall.
  + HERO of the Month – highlighted program where positive thoughts about the adults in the building are shared anonymously with the individuals by placing them at their workstations.
  + Visit from Sen Brian Strickland who was a sponsor for OMS and books provided
  + Group discussion on other ways to recognize positive actions or behaviors noticed by faculty and students and include all in appreciation events.
* **Principals Report**
  + Shared Priority Student Outcomes that were discussed during the OLA Cluster conversation and cluster improvement upon the strategic initiatives set by the community
  + Mustangs on the Move Launch discussed that focuses on the “gap years” transitioning into Kindergarten, from 5th to 6th and again from 8th to 9th . Engaging parents on what the entire school life span looks like earlier so that an intentional plan can be set early on about the path to take during the students academic career.
  + Group discussion led to suggestions of allowing 6th graders to transition into sports earlier with possible opportunities for exploration of intramural sports to be available at the end of sixth grade. Discussion to continue after checking into possibility with county

## Action Items

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| Item Description | Responsible Party | Due Date |
| List of books that OMS would like to have for 6th, 7th and 8th grades specifically to read as a class | Christine Anderson | Next Council Meeting 11/30 |
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## Other Notes

Meeting concluded with council tour of Kindness Locker at OMS and discussed needs for more diverse items to be available. Also discussed ways to drive internal donations to stock items within OMS community to allow the larger Henry community resource for other schools with lower participation/involvement/resources.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45am. Next council meeting scheduled for November 30th at 8:45am.**

Minutes submitted by: Leah Thomason, Secretary Print Name: Leah Thomason, Secretary

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