

SPECIAL MEETING MINTUES
STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL
May 25, 2023

Present: Linda Ely, Judy Nelson, John Mills, Becky Irby, Cindy Petree, Bob Burk, Dale Durham

Absent: Matt Payne, Jacie Gray, Yuki Clark

1. Call to Order

Cindy Petree called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Introduction of Guests

Ashley Haseley, OSU College of Education/Human Science
Stephanie Link, Michael Amory, Amy Takebe, OSU Content, Language,
Instruction Confluence
Emily Boersma, Director OSU ELI

3. Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2023

Linda Ely made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Burk seconded the motion. All votes yes.

4. Council Reports/Possible Action

a) Sister School Program/Middle School Exchange

Cindy Petree provided a draft itinerary for the Stillwater Middle School student exchange Oct. 28 – Nov. 4, 2023. Kameoka is in the process of selecting 7 students (1 students from each Junior High) and three teachers. More detailed information will be provided once the Stillwater Public Schools are in session.

b) Office of International Students and Scholars

No report

c) Japanese Student Organization

No report

5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action

a) OSU CLIC Grant / Sister Cities

As the demand for English skills continues to rise in Japan, the OSU English department and English Language and Intercultural Center (ELIC) seek to provide training to Japanese teacher to more effectively create and implement authentic language activities that prepare students for communicative contexts globally. 12 Japanese teachers

primarily from Kameoka City and Kyoto Prefecture with preferences given to 5th-6th grade backgrounds will participate in the (CLIC) program at OSU July 23 – August 13, 2023. Due to the return of OSU students on August 5, other housing is necessary, either hotels or homestays. A homestay is preferred since it will provide an opportunity to improve language skills, learn about another culture and build lasting relationships. Homestay applications will be available and the Sister Cities Council was encouraged to help circulate/participate.

Becky Irby made a motion to schedule a Sister Cities special meeting on Thursday, June 15 to discuss the Sister Cities Council participation in the upcoming student exchange program between Stillwater Middle School and Kameoka, Japan and involvement in OSU CLIC program. Judy Nelson seconded the motion. All votes yes.

6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council.

Cindy Petree introduced Ashley Haseley who is the International Coordinator for the College of Education and Human Sciences at OSU. They have an international student teaching committee with a goal to help students find teaching practicums for a semester that will meet all the Oklahoma certification requirements. They currently have some partnerships in Costa Rica and are looking to expand opportunities for students. They would like to consider a placement at the Stillwater High School and need to arrange for housing and would like to consider homestays as an option.

7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings.

OSU CLIC and Stillwater Middle School student exchange

8. Adjourn

Bob Burk made a motion to adjourn. Linda Ely seconded the motion. All votes yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.