

Westside HS
SDMC
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022

Members Present:

- Helen Tran—guest presenter
- Alisa Zapata
- Gail Paschal
- Danielle Jones
- Laquan Smith
- Sarah Anthony
- Bryce Barry
- Stephanie Brewster
- Andrea Riles
- Quwan SMith
- Marie Wadih
- Nathan Smith

Budget/ Staffing:

1. Staffing by the end of the semester.
 - a. Social Studies and CTE positions are being replaced
2. Dr. Zapata: World Language positions are being sought after.
3. Parent: What World History positions are being looked for, Chinese?
 - a. We are looking for French and Spanish Teachers.
4. Parent: Is there a big demand to take French?
 - a. There was at one point.
5. Parent: The importance of business languages that are commonly being used
 - a. German
 - b. Chinese
 - c. Portuguese
6. Dr. Zapata: Administration is focusing on what new programs can be implemented next Spring 2023 and Fall 2023.

7. Parent: Vietnamese could also be an important commercial language and may be beneficial for the school to have.
8. Dr. Zapata: Former Social Studies teacher will be brought back to fill in the open position. Also a new Clerk has been hired

Enrollment/ Budgeting

Ms. Tran:

- Westside enrollment has been steady the past few years.
- Have enough teachers to match with the student body.
- Data Sweep

Attendance Data

- Prelim Budget attendance rate 94%
- Final Budget Attendance Rate went down to 89%
 - School lost around \$600,000

Things that are included within the budget

- Math:
Various Supplies
Tutors (5) we are up to 4.
- English:
 - Tutorials
 - Reading supplies
 - PAP Books
- Social Studies
 - Tutorials
 - Textbooks
 - New teaching positions to support department
- Science
 - Tutorials
 - Science Lab Equipments
 - Repairing Chemistry Lab
 - Chemical Supplies
- General:
 - Saturday and after school tutorials
 - Transportation

- Supplies for Fine Arts
 - Have a \$15,000 budget for students
- Field Trips
- Instructional supplies
- PD
 - Provide sub
 - Pay for PD
- Auditorium needs construction
 - Also s100
- Mini theater sound works very well.

Student Supports

- Uniforms

Social Workers

Add a social worker to the budget (using Title I) district allotted two.

Parent: Do we have two?

Dr. Zapata: No, we have three. Social Workers are necessary, they talk to students about things that other adults on the campus wouldn't be able to.

Ms. Riles: Have we thought about getting SW trained for students with special needs?

Dr. Zapata: That is something that we can look into.

Projects for budgeting:

- Fixing various sports fields (softball and tennis)
 - Parents: what's the problem? (softball field)
 - Dean Williams: overgrown grass and leveling issues.
- Tinted doors, Briar Forest (safety purposes)
- Clever Touch (add 14 more boards)
 - Eventually every classroom
 - Dean Williams: Have we thought about the board for athletic teams?
 - Tran: They are on the list.
- Update marque
- Culinary facility

- Library bookshelves
 - District bought more books, but there is no room.
- Other Projects
 - Ms. Riles: in SPED kitchen and bathrooms (s145, 139 all SPED)
 - Shower is clogged and tub is not up to par
 - Possibly remodeled or serviced
 - Refrigerator has been ordered
 - Student bathrooms have plastic over them.
 - PD for SPED TA's (hands on workshop)
 - Is a disconnect between TA's and SPED Teachers
 - Region 4
 - Jumbo Calculators
 - Age appropriate reading program
 - Behavioral support area/ room for students (s136) need a larger space. (s124 could be used for this).

Restrooms are a huge concern for the entire campus

- Parent: Is there a different grade of restroom material?
 - Such as iron soap dispensers
 - Maybe have better quality
 - Materials that are more durable.
 - Ms. Tran: recommend every year have everything completely replaced in various different houses.
 - Add doors to the bathroom
 - Lock them down
 - Have someone monitor

Trash outside

- Parent:
 - Trash in the parking lot (baseball field in particular)
 - Add more trash cans outside (recommendation)
- Dr Zapata: will be requesting to adjust the time slots for the custodial staff.
 - Recommendation parent: have kids maybe in detention pick up the class.
 - Ecology club does pick up the trash every Thursday.

- Would like the grass cutters to not park on the street.

Parking Spots

- Parent: Not enough parking for the visitor parking lot during peak time. Would it be possible to connect the band lot to the visitor parking lot?
- Buses are a concern
- Parent: Could we put cones or a gate when it is time for the bus routes?
- Ms. Tran: That would be something that we have to go through with the district.

District Survey

Parents: concerned whether the Principal is receiving the feedback from parents.

Dr. Zapata: Is there anything that we haven't thought of?

- Paschal: The gates upfront could we get bungee cords to keep them closed?
- Dean Williams: Gates needs to be realigned.
- Parent: Is there any centralized tally of money coming into the school from local businesses? (PTO, Restaurants, etc.)
- Ms. Tran: We know, we don't have that many donations. The money will go to specific clubs.
- Parent: Like to see corporate list of donations
- Ms. Tran: IPAA may make a comeback next year. (Ms. Castro)

Parent: Is there any way to partner with HCC or local middle schools and bring teachers in for needed classes?

Dr Zapata: It is possible

Parent: Is it possible to hire a lecturer?

Dr. Zapata: We are leaning toward that idea.

Ms.Riles: Could we recruit beyond Houston?

Dr. Zapata: That would be through the district.

Math Teacher: Could we hire someone to be a hallway monitor?

Uniforms

Dr. Zapata: We have talked to the CDs and are trying very hard to find new ways.

Parent: what are the officers doing during this time?

Teachers are concerned about the uniforms and the dress codes.