Pershing Middle School

Shared Decision-Making Committee

Minutes

April 12, 2022

Meeting started at 4:15 p.m.

I. Welcome & Introductions
   a. Members Present: Dr. Steven Shetzer, Linda Barcot, Jessica Evans, Frances Garner, Lotus Hoey, Judy Long, Claire Lorenz, Alison Moorhead, Christie Vaclavik, Moya Varner.

II. 2022-2023 Budget Update
   a. Dr. Shetzer discussed with SDMC the updated budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Exact numbers were not yet available; however, he shared that the switch back to the PUA model would result in fewer teacher losses. Under the new proposed model, Pershing would have had to reduce teaching staff by 15 teachers, 4 clerks, and 3 Assistant Principals. Under the PUA model, Dr. Shetzer is confident he will be able to keep all Assistant Principals and clerks and may have to lose a few teaching positions but is sure that can be done through attrition. Formal budget numbers will be sent out later in the week to principals.

III. 2022-2023 Master Schedule
   a. Under the proposed staffing model, Dr. Shetzer stated Pershing would have had to move from a 4x4 block to a straight-7 schedule. Now that the PUA staffing model is staying, the 4x4 block will remain. Dr. Shetzer informed SDMC of some of the changes to the schedule, including looking at mandating Rethink Ed (Enrichment course) for all 6th and 7th graders. The purpose of this course is to provide social-emotional skills, organizational skills, study skills, etc. to all students. Dr. Shetzer shared that Meyerland has been using this program and it has improved the behavior of the school. Dr. Shetzer also stated that Pershing will be looking at the homeroom period to determine how best to utilize it.

Meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.