

11/09/21 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Garcia, Joshua
Griffin, Kyla
Moumni, Lamia
Sanchez, Karla
S. Vandapalli (Parent)
R. Moss
C. Schmidt

I. Budget Items (Moss)

A. Snapshot funding

- i. Last years projection was a conservative 940
- ii. Actual numbers for snapshot was fewer 913

B. Reconciliation

- i. Still waiting for final numbers in terms of funds being re-claimed by district.
- ii. Moss will have a better idea of a budget later, as the district hasn't gone over

this year.

C. Current Budget expenditures

- i. 946,000 general budget divided into different accounts.
- ii. Includes 48,000 for UIL, shared service expenses
- iii. Always try and spend entire budget by end of the year, but there are substitute expenses
- iv. Activity accounts do not expire, whereas other accounts do.

D. Title 1

- i. We have all of our socioeconomic forms
 - a. 40% needed for Title 1 funds, we have 34%

E. ESSER Funds

- i. Funds warp around services
- ii. SAT/ACT tutorial/materials funds included here
- iii. Library Funds in this pot
- iv. Social Emotional Learning Liaison (SEL)
 - a. No updates regarding how the funding can be split/divided (asked

previous staff meeting)

II. House bill 4545 (Number maybe off, it's regarding STAAR testing) (Griffith)

A. Only 5 UPPER class students didn't take STAR in Dec.

B. 126 freshmen potentially will need to take tests

- i. Dates are 7, 8, and 9th of December

C. Ms. Griffith is working on the list of students who need to take it.

- i. Students and parents have to be contacted explained options
 - a. PSAT scores can exempt some
 - b. A student not wishing to take the test may take 30 hours OUTSIDE of

school in the subject

after school.

- ia. Teacher will have to provide tutoring for \$50 either before or

- ib. Teachers do not have to be subject certified to tutor

- ic. 30 hours of tutoring requires a 1 to 3 ratio, but student and parent can waive it.

- ii. Students can test

III. Gifted and Talented Educational Plans (Moumni)

- A. It's tied to growth plans

- B. Required by the district

IV. AP Readers (Moss)

- A. AP Reading schedule conflicts heavily with HISD academic calendar

- B. Advanced academic has been approached and asked for an official district policy.

IV. Security Concerns (Schmidt)

- A. Communication of incidents

- i. Previous incident when a gun was on campus, teachers were not informed until the parent notification went out. Frustration was expressed that teachers had no idea of what was happening.

- ii. Recent incident with the Lock Down

- a. Teachers were notified a minute before parents with the same information for both groups.

- b. Knowledge of incident would have been helpful, especially if it was an individual attempting to gain entry and we have exterior windows at ground level

- B. Administrator Response (Moss)

- i. Suggested to set up a committee with administrations and teachers to determine what communication would make teachers happy

- ii. In both incidents Moss was not on campus

- iii. Expressed that administration does not always know and can't say as much since it's regulated by HISD PD. In this particular incident Vice Principle approached multiple times and was turned away and not provided information.

- ia. Concern regarding if the communication is from within our own school or if it is HISD PD policies/issues (Schmidt)

- ib. Determined that there is a need to possibly involve HISD PD to establish a protocol for notifying teachers on a campus

- C. Concern regarding role of police officer in situations

- i. Staff concerns that in the situation of the outside individual attempting to gain entry, police officer was not engaging person while students were still exiting vehicles and staff members were inside trying to keep individual out.

- ii. Is it a staff responsibility or a police officer responsibility to be between students and a potential intruder?

- C. Thefts in parking garage

- i. Catalytic Converters stolen from teacher and student cars

- ia. Moss indicated he watched the video, there was evidence of a white van that was downstairs for 3 minutes and spent a total of 17 minutes on campus
- ii. Request of office patrol in the garages or installation of a gate
 - ia. Gate had always been in the works, dropped from initial install budget, but looking at it again.

D. Concerns noted with alarming doors.

- i. Students are going in and out and letting people in and out of side doors, door near English wing, and then the gates in and out of courtyard.
- ii. It was noted that the wiring had been installed, but then COVID. (Moss)
- iii. Individual who was doing the install moved to a different department (Moss)
(side note, I think there's been some movement, students talked about it end of day Tuesday)

V. Budget/General Teacher Concerns (Schmidt)

A. It was noted that there was a desire by some teachers to have involvement/greater involvement/transparency with budget conversations.

- i. Schmidt identified the greater concern is that teachers are exhausted and are looking for additional supports
- ii. Concern regarding class sizes
- iii. Moss indicated
 - ia. Teachers should know staff is tired too.
 - ib. Go ask other teachers what their classes sizes are to compare
 - ia1. Indicated an informal poll was taken last year when same comment was made. Several campuses with AP classes tend to have smaller class sizes. (Schmidt)
- iii. There's no space for any more students/teachers
- iv. Senior class is largest class that is graduating

B. Smart Board Removal

A. Smartboards in rooms are clunky, take up a lot of space, and are VERY heavy posing a hazard that's already fallen on teachers/students.

- i. Requested their removal to a central space on campus (like galley) since warehouse order may take several MONTHS to be met
 - ia. Moss indicated that there was not space anywhere on campus.
 - ib. Moss indicated he would visit the classrooms of teachers who had issues and help them determine a good spot to put them in their classrooms.
- ii. Due to the weight and their history of falling it was noted if there was an option to pay overtime to warehouse to come and take them, would that be considered.

C. More hallways trashcans

A. Moss indicated that these are already in the works, they were looking at getting bigger ones (not simply more) and that should help alleviate the issue.

Schmidt motion to dismiss
Motion carried