

Daniel Ortiz, Jr. Middle School



SDMC Meeting

January 20, 2021

4:15 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams



MINUTES

Attendance:

I. Baker, Non-member	M. Fernandez (non-member)	N. Johnson, Parent
R. Booher, School staff	J. Fusilier, Teacher	Y. Khaliq, School staff
I. Brown, Teacher	D. Garcia, Business Partner	E. Maldonado, Non-instr. staff
J. Brown, School staff	T. Garcia, Chairperson	M. Malone, Teacher
R. Denson, Teacher	A. Gonzales, Teacher	M. Martinez, Principal

Welcome

Ms. T. Garcia opened the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Reading of the Minutes

Ms. Garcia shared the minutes from the last meeting, September 16, 2020. Motion was made to approve the minutes by I. Brown. Motion was seconded by Ms. Denson. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

Budget Update

Ms. Martinez shared with the committee the current funds available in the general funds and Title 1 budgets, and requested expenditures totaling approximately \$36,000, which included items requested by the performing and visual arts department. Ms. Martinez also shared budget available for technology, stating that funds were spent last year to upgrade teacher desktops. Due to the pandemic and the fact that the district froze all school expenditures, the purchase of approximately half the needed desktop computers was unable to be processed. Ms. Martinez asked the committee to determine whether the current available funds should be used to purchase the rest of the desktops or laptops. After some discussion, the committee chose to purchase desktop computers. Committee members also expressed the need for protective cases for teacher laptops and asked about the need for more headsets for students. Ms. Martinez stated that the purchase of laptop covers would be considered, and a needs assessment would be conducted to determine need for more student headsets.

Remote Learning Update

Ms. Garcia updated the committee on the status of our remote learning. Approximately 185 students come to school for face-to-face instruction, leaving approximately 845 students for virtual learning. All students have technology and hotspots have been provided as needed.

Campus Updates

Attendance – Ms. Garcia shared attendance data with the committee, showing the attendance rate by grade level, and the three-year trend data. Ms. Garcia then reviewed some of the steps being taken to help improve the current attendance rate. Administrators and Attendance Committee members have been making phone calls to parents. Fridays during Eagle Time is now being used for “house” meetings during which teachers share information about student progress and can make house/cluster calls to parents. Both efforts have shown an increase in the attendance rate. The Attendance Committee will begin implementing an incentive program for students beginning in the spring semester. Incentives will be for both face-to-face and virtual students. Information will be shared with students during Friday assemblies.

Student Success Rate

Mrs. Brown, Assistant Principal, spoke to the committee about teachers utilizing Friday House meetings for data dives and making phone calls to parents regarding students’ academic progress. After-school tutorials are underway with math tutorials being held on Mondays and Wednesdays, and reading tutorials being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. We will also have an academic boot camp during the first two days of spring break for targeted intervention for a select group of students.

Bell Schedule 2021-22

Ms. Garcia presented the proposed bell schedule for 2021-22. The schedule was approved by the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.