SDMC Meeting Notes-September 11, 2018

* Approval of May Minutes
  + Lutfak called for minutes to be approved (all in favor). Melancon seconded.
* Budget Updates- Enrollment
  + At the end of 2017-2018 school year enrollment numbers for the 2018-2019 school year were low. A third Pre-K class was opened to cover the low numbers. Enrollment picked up in August. We are now at 824 students enrolled. Herod is not enrolling students from Pre-K to 4th grade. 5th Grade students will be excepted.
  + Snapshot will be at the end of October. If we hold these enrollment numbers, we can receive more funds. $159,000 could potentially be put back into out budget.
* Budget Updates-Technology Plan
  + Looking into purchasing Chrome Books, new iPads, STEAM lab materials (anything to maintain an effective digital classroom environment).
  + How will the budget accommodate Special Education classes? (parent question) The budget will include all classes, including Greco and Norman’s classes. As well as sensory room and sensory parties.
* School Improvement Plan (SIP)
  + Herod has met the goals despite neighborhood flooding and Herod flooding.
  + Goals for the 2018-2019 school year include focusing on special education population and English Language Learners growth (which have shown the least growth in the past year).
* Campus Safety-Drop Off/Pick Up
  + Traffic has boomed since enrollment has increased. This has created a lot of chaos and unsafe driving/dropping off/crossing streets.
  + Short term solutions include looking at drop-off procedures, paying an officer hourly to patrol drop off in the morning on random days, and more specific/detailed map to show the flow of traffic sent to parents. In addition, giving families that follow traffic rules raffle tickets for each time they follow the rules. These tickets will go into a raffle and be drawn once a week for student prizes.
  + Turek is considering a traffic study, possibly reaching out to other schools to see how they did a traffic study.
  + Late Car Pickup (iii) was tabled for a later date.
* Campus Safety-Safety and Security
  + There has been no negative feedback or push back from parents about dropping off students in designated areas with no parents in the building (past Castle).
  + Risk Management has been asked to look at front lobby area for safety reasons.
  + Risk Management has been asked to come look at Pre-K playground to add an extra gate with a key card along the playground for student safety.
* Weather Update
  + Monitoring tropical storms.
  + Parent suggested sending a reminder out to parents about how to be prepared for weather.