

**Ortiz Middle School  
SDMC Meeting  
March 28, 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Present</u>
Myriam Arvizu	School-based staff	Y	Evelyn Hart	Teacher	
Amanda Benitez	Non-instructional staff		Michael Johnson	Teacher	
Lisa Boze'	School-based staff	Y	Natasha Johnson	Parent	Y
Revordia Denson	Teacher	Y	Erin Mayo	School-based staff	
Samuel Dominguez	Principal	Y	Gabriel Ortiz	Business Member	
Jennifer Espindola	Parent		Rudy Reyes	Community Member	Y
Tina Garcia	Chairperson	Y	Devin Williams	Teacher	Y
Marlene Gutierrez	Teacher				

Ms. T. Garcia opened the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Mr. Dominguez welcomed the members to the meeting. Ms. T. Garcia read the minutes from the January 2018 meeting. Mr. Reyes moved to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Denson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**Town Hall Meeting**

The Town Hall meeting scheduled for this evening with Trustee Lira is still taking place, even though the district is planning on announcing that after-school activities for today have been cancelled due to the expected severe weather. We will be posting the announcement on the campus website and making an all-call to parents.

**IB Update**

Mr. Dominguez stated that the item to be addressed mentioned in our last meeting was submitted and now we are in a waiting period. IB has a process for reviewing and evaluating our application so we do not know when we will have a response. We know we have no lingering issues regarding the application; we're just waiting. Mr. Dominguez further stated that becoming an IB campus will help with the changes that the district is making. Mr. Dominguez was concerned that we would have to choose between being either a magnet or an IB school. Now it seems like the district will allow us to have our program in a vertical team. IB has a vertical team with Patterson and Chavez. Chavez is planning on applying for their MYP and that will finalize our continuum. Magnet is looking for the same type of vertical alignment. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Patterson will hold a parent meeting and Mr. Dominguez and Ms. Garcia will attend to talk about the continuum and our program here at Ortiz.

**Budget**

Mr. Dominguez will attend a meeting tomorrow regarding the budget and expects another update. The District is saying things do not look as dire as they were looking a few weeks ago. We have to send back \$105 million, not the much larger amount as first thought. We are still waiting to see what happens, but we were told that there would be several drafts; tomorrow's will be Draft 3. Mr. D will not announce any changes for the campus until the budget is finalized but will keep the committee updated as new information develops.

**Parent Involvement**

Mr. Dominguez said that Mr. Steen drafted a letter (as mentioned during our last meeting). We will check with Mr. Steen if the letter has been sent out to any businesses for their support.

Mr. Dominguez mentioned we are applying for a CASE grant. With the budget expected to be tight next year, we have applied for a CASE grant through Harris County. The grant is not directly related to parent involvement but will provide services for our students after school, 3 hours per day for enrichment. We're thinking of breaking up the 3 hours to have one hour in the morning for study hall or open lab, then have two hours in the afternoon. The grant writer who is assisting us seems confident that we will get the \$127,000 grant which will be spread out over 3 to 5 years. When asked about our grant writer, Mr. Dominguez explained that we hire an hourly person to help us write our grants. The bulk of grants are for college and high schools, also for elementary. There are not many grants specifically for middle school, but Mr. Dominguez feels confident that we will get this grant.

Other things we do to promote parent involvement – Town Hall will hopefully be a big event. We also are including performances (jazz band performing at Town Hall). Most parents come for the performance; however, we are working on sharing the information to them in the hopes that they will become more involved. Ms. Garcia stated that she plans on holding parent meetings for IB once we receive authorization. The meetings will be on such topics as teaching and learning, campus IB policies, and community service projects.

#### **Other Issues/Concerns**

No other issues were brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.