Mr. De Leon welcomed SDMC members and began with a discussion of the preliminary budget. The district allocated the budget according to the enrollment at the school, the attendance, and all the different weights. He also indicated that the district was going to reduce the amount by $123 per unit to go to fund district wide special education personnel. This would amount to a $200,000 loss for Sharpstown. We can survive with that figure, but it will be another tight year. The committee discussed possible cost saving measures including reducing substitute costs and eliminating extra duty and cutting down on tutorials. The district will continue to fund boot camps centrally.

The meeting continued with good news about COVID. We have had no new confirmed positive cases and only a few presumed positive cases. What we have had are a few cases where staff has been out due to reactions to the vaccine, but those are generally between 1 – 3 days.

The committee was informed that there will be a face-to-face graduation this year, but it would be outdoors at one of the stadiums. We are expecting a large graduating class which could be even larger if the state relaxes some of the End of Course Exam rules.

The meeting ended at 4:30.