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September 24, 2024

- I. Call to order: 3:21
- II. In Attendance: Scott Disch, Shelby Dodson, Allison Lohman, Kaura Webb, Casey Ball, Paula Bottecelli, Alma Estrada, Marion Woerner, Lainey Seidel, Emily Moen, Caroline Walter
- III. HISD Update
  - a. Division of Autonomy: We are at the highest level of earned autonomy
  - b. Teacher Evaluation: All teachers will have an evaluation this year.
  - c. We elected to be a "trailblazer" campus, which means we can give input on the next evaluation. 35 to 40 campuses are also trailblazer campuses.
  - d. HISD Bond. We hope people will get informed and vote. WUES has been given 6.6 million dollars for safety, lead abatement, and HVAC.

## IV. State of Our School Event

- a. Celebrations
  - i. Data 96 overall in STAAR last year and we did very well with growing our growth score.
  - ii. Enrollment- 1175 and our projected enrollment was about 50 lower. 1200 is our sweet spot. We have space to add a class.
  - iii. Budget- Enrollment is tied to the budget so and our budget is in a good position.

## V. Facilities

- a. We are utilizing more classrooms because we had the budget to hire more staff. The district has provided sub contractors to improve our HVAC.
- VI. Curriculum

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- a. The district has adopted new curriculum for science, reading, and math. We had enough TXGoMath so we can continue that curriculum for one more year.
- b. Reading is now Amplify and extra resources teachers see fit for their student's needs.
- c. Science is SAVAAS and many are disappointed with the lack of resources in that curriculum so we will be considering finding something else for next year

#### VII. Security-

- a. We do 10 perimeter checks each week, two a day. One just after dismissal and one in the afternoon.
- b. We are looking into getting more people CPR certified because some people's certifications are expiring this year.
  - i. We currently have 4 people certified.
- c. The district is working to certify our fire extinguishers.
- d. Drills
  - i. Fire Drills monthly, a lockdown drill in October

### VIII. Other Questions/ Concerns

- a. When you fix or add something to the playground, everything has to be brought up to the current code, so currently, we have just been removing broken parts of the playground.
  - There's a Spark park sign, but it is no longer a Spark Park. The playground's surface is starting the wear- it is about 25 years old. You cannot redo patches of it, so we need to decide whether to redo the whole floor.
- b. We have not made a final decision, but we are considering taking out the back playground tree because it is leaning and becoming dangerous. Based on WUES arborist feedback, there is a concern that it is excessively heaving.

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- c. Smart Families educate school communities on how to operate in this digital age and how social media and technology affect kids' brain development.
- d. Unfortunately, after we announced the partnership, they began posting religious content on their social media page and after many conversations with the organization and different school stakeholders, we have decided to end the partnership.
- e. We still see a need for education on this topic and will work with the school community to fill that need.
- IX. Adjourned @ 4:02. First, Lainey Seidel; Seconded, Karen Miller.

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