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SDMC Meeting

September 11, 2019

4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Brandi Lira (Principal), Tess Vestal (Teacher), Ricardo Mena (Assistant Principal), Rocio Lozano (parent), Sam Sifuentes (parent), Brenda Morales (Non-instructional staff)

Call to Order: 4:19 pm.

Agenda Item: Meeting Norms

Ms. Lira thanks everyone for coming to the first meeting of the school year then goes over the meeting norms, including the purpose of the SDMC and what roles everyone plays on the committee. Ms. Lira asks if anyone would like to add to the following norms: Respect your airtime, assume positive intentions, students come first, uphold the vision, mission, and core values of the campus always.

Agenda Item: Need for Two New Community Members

Ms. Lira explains that all voting members of the SDMC serve two-year terms. Currently, we are voting on two teachers to take the place of Mr. Duron and Mrs. Vestal. These new members should be elected no later than September 27, 2019.

Agenda Item: SWAG to College Program

Ms. Lira introduces SWAG to College by stating this is a partner Eastwood worked with in the 2018-2019 school year. The program consists of two main support areas: 1. Providing mentorship to 24 Eastwood students beginning in the sophomore year. The mentor will guide the Eastwood student through all things college prep (classes to take, college applications, social emotional supports, FAFSA, summer program choices, etc.) Students will also receive specialized curriculum topics surrounding the college process. 2. Provide ALL Eastwood students with access to the OneJump database of summer/extracurricular programs. Provide scholarships to the 24 students to attend summer programs.

The committee had questions about competitive nature of Discover U and One Jump and whether there was a cost associated with either and if so, how much. Ms. Lira explained that Discover U costs the school \$15,000 each school year and includes access to the Discover U data base, personnel from Discover U to come to campus once per week to guide students through applying for opportunities, and scholarships up to a certain amount (about \$500) per student per year. Discover U is not a mentorship program and there are no mentoring components to the program. SWAG to College would cost the school \$1,500 and provides the mentorship to 24 students, access to OneJump database for ALL Eastwood students, curriculum for the 24 students, and check-ins from personnel at SWAG. Vestal – Is this \$1500 each year the cohort is

in the program or \$1500 at the start of a cohort? Yes, the annual cost for the campus is \$1,500. Ms. Vestal goes on the comment that student's abilities are not always reflected in the SAT scores. If we had qualified persons on campus to give tutorials and this might help for the 24 students in the program. We would just need to determine what criteria would be used for selecting the 24 students. Mr. Sifuentes thinks it would be a great opportunity for "bubble" students. It's another program offering the same assistance for a different group of students that haven't been served historically.

Motion: Sifuentes moves to vote. Vestal seconds the move.

Vote: Unanimous vote to approve adoption and payment of \$1500 for Swag to College.

Agenda Item: School Improvement Plan

Ms. Lira explains that the School Improvement Plan is a living document that schools must submit each year. The document allows us to: analyze the needs of the campus (academic, community engagement, safety, and otherwise), determine which areas we need to improve on, develop plans for the improvement, and set goals for the areas indicated. Ms. Lira explains that the draft of the SIP presented today was developed by the individual teams over the different areas. Math goals were developed by the teachers of the math department. Reading goals were developed by the English department, safety and family engagement were developed by our administrative team. Ms. Lira explains that after this draft is voted on by the SDMC today, it will need to be presented to the faculty for a vote as well. Final submission of the School Improvement Plan is to be uploaded on Friday, September 27, 2019.

Ms. Lira goes through each of the goals included in the SIP. Discussion is had among each of the different areas. Ms. Vestal points out that the Reading goals align very well to the campus vision for this school year in that the focus is shifting to AP and SAT achievement while still maintaining our superior achievement on STAAR. After all goals are introduced and discussed, Ms. Lira asks if any member of the committee wishes to make any revisions to the document. None of the members would like to make a revision.

Motion: Vestal moves to vote. Sifuentes seconds the move.

Vote: Unanimous vote to approve the SIP and goals contained therein.

New Business: Ms. Dixie Morales is seeking volunteers for GT testing. Window opens in October. Mr. Sifuentes and Ms. Lozano agree to help with test monitoring if the dates are sent in advance.

Ms. Vestal moves to adjourn. Mr. Sifuentes seconds the vote.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:54 p.m.