

## Sharpstown High School SDMC Minutes

June 9, 2021

Mr. De Leon began the meeting with a welcome and a brief update of the preceding year and our successes. He continued with an update on the budget planning for next year. The district decided to reverse its decision on reducing each school's budget by \$123 to fund centralized Special Education projects. This put over \$200,000 back into the budget and the school will be able to hire an additional Art teacher to reduce the class loads of 40-50 students down to more manageable classes for Art teachers. There may be other positions that will be opened, but those are still in the planning phase.

The district is abiding by the governor's mask order and will no longer require masks be worn by students or staff. It is totally optional, and many teachers and staff are still wearing masks.

Due to the legislative action that relaxes the requirements for students completing End of Course exams, we are expecting over 330 graduates this year which is the largest in many years.

The committee reviewed the calendar for next year and discussed the fact that final exams occur after the winter break and school ending in June. The principal explained that there would be several days interspersed throughout the year that were professional development days and that the calendar just fell so that school cannot start earlier due to Texas law. Some years just work out to where the year starts late and ends late. The committee also discussed the fact that the district COVID protocols would end in August and next year would be more like a regular year unless new protocols are required.

The meeting ended at 4:05