

James Madison High School

SDMC Meeting

February Meeting

February 18, 2020

The SDMC Meeting was called to order at 4:36pm by Mr. Cantu.

Introductions were given by those present.

Bond Updates

Mr. Cantu presented updates with the bond and the construction.

He started with the auditorium. It is currently in phase I. We realized there was water coming in from the foundation. They are installing water pumps underneath the foundation to remove the water flow from underneath. They will be cleaning the seats, replacing the carpet, painting the stage and ensuring the safety of the auditorium. It should be available right after spring break.

Questions came up about mold being on the stage. Mr. Cantu stated he had no answer but stated it would be safe. Another question was presented

Ms. Rushing stated that the South Houston Coalition is concerned about the issue with the building, especially the auditorium. She stated that the HISD board mentioned that there would be mediation to see what the issues were and what would be done? The South Houston Coalition would be presenting a statement pertaining the issue.

Mr. Seraile asked who would be financially responsible. Mr. Cantu stated that the bond is still taking care of the issue.

Mr. Plastrik stated that the “express warranty” is up but not there are other applied warranties. There are other warranties that are implied with any building that is built. Ms. Skurlock stated the community should go to the Chief officer and see what they will do for the money being used. She stated we should have a meeting with Brian Busby to see what’s going on.

Ms. Rushing stated about the field next to the Landmark street has been cut down.

Mr. Cantu stated that the pool will be available by the end of May.

Mr. Plastrik asked what would phase II of the auditorium be? Mr. Cantu stated it would be the finishing of the outside of the parking lot that was broken up from the auditorium repair.

Mr. Cantu stated that the bond crew were aware of all the building problems. Ms. Skurlock asked who will sign off on if the building will be completely done and operable.

Budget Updates

Mr. Plastrik asked if this was the actual school budget.

Ms. Rushing requested that we have a budget workshop with the SDMC and the experts of the budget to see what we need to do in order to spend the right amount of money before the budget is out in April.

Questions were asked pertaining the budget.

Ms. Hamilton greeted the SDMC. She gave a basic overview of the budget sheet that was presented to the SDMC.

It was requested to have the budget presented to see where the money was spent and for what purpose.

Ms. Hamilton agreed to have an easier to read budget presented for the purposes of the SDMC. It was also asked if the members of the SDMC could be trained on how to read the budget by Ms. Hamilton. She stated she would give us a date.

Teacher Vacancies

Ms. Obor stated we have 4 math vacancies (2 algebra and 2 geometry), 1 reading, ESL, Spanish. The campus is missing the SEL person and a social worker.

Ms. Rushing asked if we received assistance from the district in filling these vacancies.

Ms. Rushing also asked will we receive reports on if we were on domains.

The community members stated that Madison needs to market the school better. We need to prepare material for people to know what's going on.

Ms. Skurlock asked if letters were sent out for the vacancies. Ms. King did send letters out.

Student Concerns

None reported

Parent Concerns

Ms. Archie shared her concerns about not having communication from the school enough for the parents. Mr. Cantu stated everything should be on the website.

Mr. Seraile stated that we should have more information sent out to parents.

Mr. Williams stated that there was supposed to be a calendar meeting of all department heads and that leaders of all campuses.

Ms. White suggested that we should have a monthly meeting with Mr. Navarro and leaders of the campus.

We are in need of a master calendar.

Community Concerns

Ms. Skurlock asked that we should get more communication from the school on what's going on in the school.

She also asked that we visit the churches, civic clubs, etc. so that we can promote Madison HS.

Faculty Concerns

Mr. Plastrik presented a concern that some teachers did not receive their stipends as per HISD policy. His concern was that the culture of the campus will be directly impacted because the people who are due these stipends are exhausting their time and resources and not being compensated for their work performed.

Questions were asked about those who were supposed to receive the stipends, why they didn't receive them, and what steps were taken for the correction.

Ms. Rushing stated that per the compensation manual there were certain stipulations needed to be met in order to receive the stipends. Mr. Williams stated

that the stipulations were met as these stipends are associated (primarily) with the Fine Arts teachers who are to be compensated for work performed outside of the 7.75 hour work day. He then stated that the work was performed but the stipends were either reduced or eradicated. Ms. Marchand and Ogbor will follow-up with the issues with stipends.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Those in attendance were :

Mario Cantu – Associate/Interim Principal

Vernice Seriale – Business

Linda Skurlock – Community

Jeff Plastrik – Teacher

Shaun Rushing – Community

Laura Del Rio – Teacher

Courtney White – Teacher

Dana Marchand – Asst. Principal

LaKeisha Ogbor – Asst. Principal

Allen Williams – Teacher

Anetra Hunt – Asst. Principal (Special Ed.)

Rosalyn Rogers – Staff

DeAngela Archie – PTO President

Tammy Jones – PTO Secretary

John James – Special Ed. Teacher

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