SDMC Meeting (02.09.2022)

Members Present:

Naomi Doyle-Madrid, Bryan Berry, Cecilia Allen, Eileen Hairel, Leslie Hokanson, Ashley Kolb, Angelica Lopez, Laura Mejia, Lisa Parasram, Chavis Mitchell, Priscilla Quiocho, Nimci Saravia, Desiree Slack, Patricia Balbuena, Laura Sciavolino

Old Business:

Mr. Berry read the November 9, 2021 minutes and they were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Review of Positions

Mr. Mitchell began by reviewing the current positions open on campus. He would like to fill the teaching assistant positions in order to better support our bilingual population, but it has been difficult to fill the positions, because the district has begun to prorate salaries for employees hired at this point in the year.

To avoid this, Mr. Mitchell is working to arrange for hourly payment rather than salary. Because Mr. Mitchell also needs a special ed. teacher's assistant and is hoping that the district can override the change in salary in order to hire a candidate for the position. The positions will be paid for through ESSER funds.

A member asked how many current TAs are bilingual. Mr. Mitchell said that two are.

A member asked if Ms. Orozco is considered an interventionist. Mr. Mitchell said that she is not considered one, but she does provide support for the bilingual population.

Budget

Mr. Mitchell shared the budget and spoke through an overview of funds available and different sub categories. He said that he will share the current budget at the end of the meeting.

2022 Projections

Usually projections are started in March or April. This year they are being asked for a projection in February. The projection is going to be 860 based on the current numbers from all grade levels and the past three years data. A member commented that we know that phase one of the lottery has come up. They asked if we have a waitlist for Parker. Mr. Mitchell shared that we do and elaborated on the timing in regard to when the waitlist locks in April. A member asked if this projection would allow us to maintain our current staff, and the answer was yes.

PTO Considerations

Performance Uniforms

A member wanted to discuss the supply and demand issues regarding finding black pants and black shoes. They shared that there was a child whose uniform was approved during the day but then they were switched when they were reexamined during the evening. It was shared that the PTO does not have performance shirts in small or medium either and that they will not be available in time for the Suzuki workshop either. The member asked if there was a way to have some flexibility for those who cannot meet these requirements.

Mr. Mitchell shared that he can speak with the music teachers tomorrow to discuss the concern and what needs teachers are currently aware of and what can be done to meet families half way regarding these concerns.

A member shared that they would like to solve this concern both short term as well as long term and that the SDMC should consider these policies. A member shared that they are for broadening the expectations for uniforms. Another member seconded the comment.

A member suggested that students wear their Suzuki shirt to the current concert. Another member said that we need to strongly consider making changes to the long term uniform requirements. Mr. Mitchell acknowledged all that was shared and said that we may need to meet again with music department representatives and parents.

Title 1/Spanish Club Meetings

A member shared their concern that the Title 1 and Spanish clubs overlap and that the meetings are predominantly in Spanish. Mr. Mitchell asked for clarification and said that the meetings are translated into both Spanish and English. A member shared further feedback and discussed their thoughts with Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Berry shared that he has witnessed translation taken place at all of the meetings he has attended. The name may be the concern and it was discussed that the informal name of Spanish Club may be part of the concern.

A member discussed that they have spoken to many of the Spanish speaking families at school who do not attend PTO meetings, because they are not translated into Spanish. Mr. Mitchell shared that when he hosted his reentry meetings over the last two school years, he was disheartened to see comments that attendees were disappointed that they had to wait for translations during the meetings. He said again that it is best that we share multilingual translations across all of our campus meetings. A few members shared that they agree.

Cleaning Services and Computers

A member asked if the campus has what they need in regard to cleaning services and also asked about the use of computers that were recently purchased for the campus. Mr. Mitchell shared the history of our custodial service in regard to Metro Clean. When they left, we were affected. He said that he has had several issues over the last few months. We were cut from a team of six to a team of three until our first complaint. Then we were sent another staff member, but when they were out we were not sent further coverage. He has spoken to upper level leadership including his area superintendent, the senior manager for facilities maintenance, and his SSO about hallways, restrooms, and classrooms not being cleaned. We want to make sure as much as possible, especially with Covid, that we walk into a clean building. From the most recent conversations, we will soon have five members and we are hoping that this will remedy the situation. A member again asked how the PTO can help. Mr. Mitchell said that he will let them know in the near future.

Regarding computers that were purchased, Mr. Mitchell shared that software is being purchased so that all computers can be put into use.

A member again stated that we need to be mindful that the Spanish speaking community and Title 1 community do not fully overlap and it cannot be assumed that they are one in the same. Differentiation between the two should be clear in the future.

Open Floor

No members brought further questions during the open floor discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 3:30

Minutes taken by Bryan Berry