

SDMC MINUTES – March 20, 2023

In attendance:

Amanda Sebba, Jennifer McCord, Mary Johnson Davis, Karen White, Yoly Villareal, Jaime Scott, Christina Flores, Elizabeth Van Der Pol

Updates

- **Budget** - We discussed the reason for budget cuts from HISD in 2023-2024 and that, thus far, GOMM has been minimally impacted.
 - Ms. Sebba shared that we will be spending training funds on security improvements (access card readers) as well as Montessori training and asked for input on additional ways to spend funds.
 - Other suggestions for improving safety that came up were some kind of covering (vinyl, blinds, etc.) for interior and exterior Children’s House windows.
 - We discussed the need for a window covering on the front of the school since the office and courtyard are open to view from the street.
- **SEL curriculum** - The SDMC discussed improvements to our SEL programming.
 - Resources discussed were: Montessori for Social Justice, Peace Education, ReThink Ed., and the Jung Center.
 - Ms. Sebba shared plans around selecting an SEL curriculum for the upcoming school year.
 - Some SDMC members mentioned Model UN as being a great cultural and SEL activity – could we bring that back?
- The SDMC also discussed TAs. We discussed the possibility of a consistent TA in middle school. Ms. Sebba shared that there currently is someone and that next year will be challenging due to lower enrollment in MS. We discussed the need for a dedicated assistant for Coach Garza.

SDMC Scheduling

- Final SDMC meeting of the school year - April 27, 2023