

SDMC (03.21.2023)

Members present: Dixia Castillo, Bryan Berry, Cecilia Allen, Lisa Chilivetis-Turner, Kiana Jensen, Oliveth Jimenez, Ashley Kolb, Chavis Mitchell, Naomi Doyle-Madrid, Laura Sciavolino, Katherine Bascom, Laura Mejia, and Eileen Hairel

Old Business

Mr. Berry read the minutes from November 15th, and they were unanimously approved.

New Business

Mr. Mitchell began with discussing projected budget allocations. He shared that just before spring break principals met with district personnel to discuss district budget deficits and campus budget projections. Mr. Mitchell then went through each line of the proposed budget document. He discussed general funds, Title 1, and ESSER.

A member asked for further clarification regarding whether the budget with an increased PUA did put the campus ahead. Mr. Mitchell shared that although it did, because of losses in certain areas, such as ESSER and Title 1, funds would need to be arranged and there may still be a need to cut certain resources such as the substitute teacher budget.

Members continued to ask questions regarding possible changes that could occur due to the TEA takeover and also regarding the campus' budget if the PUA was not increased for the coming school year. The conversation continued and the committee discussed concerns about fine arts stipends not being centrally funded.

Mr. Mitchell transitioned to discussing staffing updates for the coming year. He shared that the second-grade bilingual position has officially been filled by Ms. Batarse, and that Ms. Alcover, Ms. Carpenter, and Ms. Rhodes will both not be returning next year.

A member shared that the PTO would like to host a celebration for all students who take the STAAR test this year, and that they will coordinate with Mr. Mitchell to discuss plans.

A member shared that a parent shared that there have been a lot of silent lunches lately as well as recess detention. Mr. Mitchell shared that administration can look into these concerns.

A member shared that the PTO would not like to be responsible for maintaining or hosting the lost and found in the community room for the coming school year.

A member shared that a teaching team was discussing dress code, and that with all of the campus' options, it is harder to determine when a student is out of dress code than in the past. Another member shared that parents have said that they don't believe enforcing the dress code is the best use of time and resources. It was shared that ripped jeans had been discussed often. Mr. Mitchell shared that he prefers the color code so that he can identify Parker students. The discussion continued and a member shared that it is difficult to discern the difference between a student with a hole in their jeans based on wear rather than a designer style. Members continued to discuss the dress code and agreed that expectations will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

(See dress code: <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/101854>)

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25

Minutes taken by Bryan Berry