



Berry Elementary

Environmental Science Magnet School

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SDMC Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 30th, 2023

Start time – 3:35 pm

End time – 4:25 pm

SDMC

1/30/23

Montelongo; Trevino; Martinez; Torres; Schallert; Cruz; Lewis; N. Hernandez; Sterling; Battaglia; Saenz

Budget: We have money!!

1st page 220K: That is regular funds. We were at 70K but bc we were over enrollment, expecting

Each SS over gives us \$\$.

Things we are doing:

- Purchased hand dryers for all restrooms, adults and kid RR
 - Paper towels in toilets, paper towels in trash cans
- Open part time position for custodial staff; PT bc we can go up to full time, but paid hourly. Start off with 6 hrs/day
- Increase support with tutoring and teacher support; hire another TLC tutor; ensure that TAs are not being pulled and are in the classrooms with the teachers \$21k taken from ESSER funds

Things we are considering:

- Open Music teacher position for next year; if they hold funds we will hire for this school year if we find someone; will be posted and shared on Week-ahead when it is posted
- Purchasing water stations-environmental science connection; depends on quote to see how many
- Updating the playgrounds; reach out to grade level teams to see what upgrades/repairs are needed
- Laptops and technology not getting approved but will keep trying; Elizondo will look into laptops

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Tutorials calculated in December was estimated for \$120K

Talk to teams to see what are investments we can make that will last for several years?

Start a grade level wish list for items that will stay in the rooms

Headphones for K-2nd grade

Elizondo and Saenz check the printers every day if they are not working, calls are being made

We cannot purchase printers

Upcoming events

PK is hosting Father Daughter dance

Grade levels have to have a 2nd field trip; paper work needed 4 weeks before to get bus

5th grade will be going to Fiesta Texas

STAAR testing windows:

April 18-28 Reading

April 25-May 5 Science

May 2-12 Math

Vacancy: Music Teacher

BSC: Battaglia support; 2 TAs were going to be requested by SpEd department;

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PK and Kinder can have tutorials on Monday and/or Friday; 6-8 students must be present; Teacher is responsible for cancelling tutorials; no one can sub for tutorials; need to let us know who and when so we can get with Sanchez

5th Fundraising updates:

Majority of SS have picked up boxes; 7 student parents said no to fundraising; Need to be by April 28th; parents are getting more boxes; last day to pick up an additional box is Feb. 10; PTO selling for 5th grade on Fridays;

PTO providing water jugs for the rest of the school year

King and Queen fundraising starts next week; Laura will be emailing you about who came and said yes; what kids are participating; after school for parents and during enrichment time 1st-5th grade can sell to their grade level

Kinder can sell on Thursdays until another grade level

Fundraising planning for next year; grade level

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