

## Daniel Ortiz, Jr. Middle School



### SDMC Meeting

March 23, 2022

4:15 p.m.

Ortiz Library



## Minutes

Ms. Garcia opened the meeting at approximately 4:20 pm. Ms. Garcia reviewed the agenda and then proceeded to the Budget Overview.

### Budget Overview

Ms. Garcia showed the budget overview provided by Ms. Nguyen, our business manager. There is approximately \$75,000 left in General Fund, most of which will be used for our hourly staff, substitutes, stipends, refreshments, general supplies, and maintenance issues/repairs. We are waiting for approval to use ESSER funds for tutorials from Intervene, a district-approved tutoring provider.

Ms. Martinez explained the ESSER funds for Intervene will be used to focus on students who achieved Meets or Masters on last year's STAAR assessment and whose progress has declined according to district assessments this year. Students who scored below Meets and Masters have received extra support through tutorials and small group instruction but the Meets and Masters group has not been provided extra support. We have identified approximately 100 students who will receive virtual leaning through Intervene for reading and/or math.

### Master Schedule 2022-23

Ms. Martinez showed the committee information about our projected enrollment for next year, 909. Because of the drop in our projected enrollment, it is estimated that we will have to lose some positions next school year. Ms. Martinez explained that the district is currently mandating that all middle schools go to a seven-period schedule next year. This schedule will reduce the number of instructional minutes per class period. The district would like the class size average to be no more than 26 students.

### Magnet Applications Status

Phase 2 is now closed. Phase 3 is open but only for new in-district and charter school students. We have received 176 Magnet applications; 112 qualified and have been sent offer letters. As of March 23, we have received 91 acceptances and we have 20 auditions pending.

### End of Year Celebrations

Ms. Martinez reviewed the list of upcoming end-of-school events/celebrations:

1. Field Day – May 20
2. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Field Trip – May 24
3. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Field Trip – May 25
4. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Field Trip – May 26
5. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic – May 27
6. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade EOY Ceremony – May 31
7. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade EOY Ceremony – June 1
8. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EOY Ceremony – June 2

Clarification about the STAAR field trip being based upon students passing the STAAR. Ms. Martinez clarified that students could earn the privilege of attending the field trip for showing progress, persistence, and hard work in preparation for the STAAR.

Field Day will also have agreed upon criteria that is based upon input from teachers, such as allowing only those students with no referrals or visits to the Office of Culture.

### **Questions/Concerns**

Houses/cohorts - Students have realized that certain houses have certain students. The recommendation to the committee is to change the mix of the students in each house. With the changes to our master schedule that are being required, there may be some reorganization since we may only have three houses.

Eagle Time – Will we still have Eagle Time next year? Ms. Martinez explained that we would still have Eagle Time but that it may move to the beginning of the day because of students arriving late to school and missing first period instructional time.

New Students – When new students are added to a teacher's roster, can the teacher be notified ahead of time? The schedulers will be asked to provide each teacher with a snippet of the student's schedule when they complete it.

IB Survey – a survey will be posted to teachers asking for their level of knowledge/comfort in various components of IB to help plan for August PD sessions.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.