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James Madison High School
SDMC Meeting
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1. Call to Order – 4:32 pm
2. Introductions
3. Bond Updates
 - a. No new updates
 - b. The bond has been signed off on
 - c. Any other changes will go through HISD
 - d. SDMC made aware of electrical outlets needed in welding and engineering rooms
 - e. Ms. Rushing expressed concerned that building has be occupied for nearly three years and that there are still issues with the building. Ms. Rushing expressed concern about students in the welding program and how that affects their certification.
4. Teacher Vacancies
 - a. No new teacher vacancies
 - b. Ms. Rushing asked about consultants being used specifically in math classes. Mrs. Marchand explained about past experiences with consultants.
5. Master Scheduling
 - a. New Class Offerings
 - i. African American Studies
 - ii. Mexican Heritage Studies
 - iii. Photography
 - iv. Ceramics
 - v. Aquatic Science
6. Parent concerns
 - a. Ms. Williams expressed a concern about students being marked absent. She stated that her son’s google link didn’t work. As a concerned parent she wanted to make the SDMC aware of such issues. She did indicate that a resolution had been made with AP Blanchard.
 - b. Principal Brown indicated that she would investigate the matter



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- c. Ms. Rushing requested that a parent resolution/resource center page be added to the website. Mrs. Marchand indicated that is an easy fix and would be added.
 - d. Ms. Williams also indicated that she had a concern with final exams for students that do not have a teacher. She also indicated concern over SAT/ACT scores if students haven't been exposed to the material needed to do well.
 - e. Ms. Rushing requested that a Math Camp be offered to students as a form of enrichment for students.
 - f. Mrs. Rushing asked about procedures for taking attendance. It was explained that teachers have a variety of ways that they can see if students were present. But all information must be put into PowerSchool. If a student completed work by 11:59 they are considered present and the teacher can change it.
 - g. Ms. Ogbor indicated that all final exams would have to be vetted for materials that students were taught during the school year.
7. Community concerns
- a. Ms. Scurlock indicated that she would like the community and students to be very aware of what programs Madison has to offer. She would like admin to promote the school very heavily
 - b. Ms. Ogbor indicated that the counselors have communicated with all the feeder middle school. That either a presentation was done with the students virtually or information was sent to the middle schools about what Madison has to offer.
 - c. Mrs. Marchand indicated that the SDMC member have been supplied with a PowerPoint and video used in these demonstrations
 - d. Ms. Rushing asked about the community input form and how was it used. Ms. Marchand expressed that the information was viewed and apologized/took ownership for not sending it out sooner.
8. Administrative concerns
- a. Ms. Marchand informed the SDMC about a survey that needs to be taken by SDMC members by the end of May.
9. Budget Updates
- a. The budget was reviewed by fund. The budget was compared budgets dated 3/11 and 4/27.
 - b. Ms. Marchand and Ms. Ogbor shared some of the items that were bought