

Daniel Ortiz, Jr. Middle School



SDMC Meeting

April 21, 2021

4:15 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams



MINUTES

Welcome

Ms. T. Garcia opened the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Budget Update

Mrs. J. Brown, Assistant Principal, shared with the committee the current funds available in the general funds and Title 1 budgets, and shared that our PUA (per unit allocation) will remain the same for next year. Because enrollment is expected to dip a little next year, a plan is underway to recruit a few more students through our Magnet program. Pending expenditures include athletic stipends (\$35,000), academic stipends (\$9,000), IB fees (\$12,000) and food purchases for testing and teacher appreciation week (\$10,000). Mrs. Brown also shared the expected allocation for next school year. With a carryover from this year of approximately \$150,000, we will start next school year with approximately \$243,000. Compared to last year's budget of \$400,000, next year will be almost half. No one on the committee had questions regarding the budget.

Magnet Program Promotion

Ms. Garcia updated the committee on some of the programs and performances the PVA department has been involved in.

Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico: HAABE Teacher of the Year Banquet, HISD News, HISD Blog, Mexican Consulate cultural even

Dance and Band: NABE Conference

Choir and Mariachi: Chavez Feeder Honors Choir, HISD Chavez/Huerta Day celebration

Visual Arts: Texas State Parks and Wildlife Dept art contest, Thomas Edison National Historical Park, West, Orange, NJ

Theatre Arts: UIL Competition

Annual Noche Latina performance, May 28

Campus Updates

Ms. Garcia then announced new initiatives for next school year. Ortiz has been designated as a Verizon Innovative Learning campus. This designation gives our campus new technology for

each student and teacher, as well as an instructional technology coach who will provide technical assistance and professional development for all teachers. Through the efforts of Mr. Uddin, Design teacher, Ortiz will be an Amazon campus, with Amazon providing lessons on coding and robotics. This program will begin with 6th graders next year and then progress each year after that until the program is schoolwide.

SDMC Survey

Ms. Garcia then shared the link to the district's survey for all SDMC members. The deadline for submitting the survey is May 21st. Ms. Garcia also posted the link in the Teams chat for members to access.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm.