



James D. Burrus Fine Arts Magnet School

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Prior to commencing this meeting, earlier in the week, Mr. Woods asked that we change the time due to some campus concerns which required district oversight. The agenda items that were discussed: PPE and CDC guidelines, and budgeting for the 2020 - 2021 year.

Mr. Woods informed the committee members that Burrus was fortunate to get some funds back due to the HISD campuses only having to pay half of their budgets back due to COVID-19. He continued by adding briefly about the Instructional Boot Camp option, and how these funds specifically could be used for tutorial classes that we will begin January 5, 2021. Before moving on, Mr. Woods shared with the committee members that we did have moneys for continuing the Blazin Brooks Educational Consultant Company for extended services for ESL and Arts.

Mr. Mackey, Burrus Teacher Specialist gave a report on how these funds can directly assist with our LEP/ESL students in order to focus more closely on Domain III. The art consultant was also a position needed and was able to be filled due to these funds. Mr. Woods continued the budget discussion by adding the need to also align Shuttle Freeman Consultant Company with Writing and Science instructors. The need for a more targeted focus on science and writing will help us to maintain our need for continued growth in Domain I and Domain II.

Mrs Brewer, Burrus Instructional Coordinator brought up the fact that the two associate teachers given to us for a period, also included in the budget, has been an area that has assisted campus functionality during virtual and face to face instruction. The floor was opened for any questions or concerns, to which no one rebutted asked any questions but all of the members felt relieved that we could still function financially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

As the meeting came to an end, Mr. Woods complimented and thanked Dr. Lathan, HISD Interim Superintendent, for her outstanding leadership in leading our district through these tough times. He quoted the late Dr. Robert Schuller, “tough times don’t last but tough people do!” Everyone was elated as to how our district and schools were give PPE and CDC training and supplies.

The second part of the meeting was a preliminary review of the campus SIP 12/10/2020 . The following agenda items for the SIP was discussed by the committee members ; HB3 as it pertain to our ;literacy target and goals both for reading and math . We looked at several other required areas such as how many teachers had started the training including members of the administrative staff . One question came up about the time line for completion and one member stated that we had a timeline of two to three years . Mr. Woods suggested that we start in a timely manner in order to address all of the components as required since many of the required information required a lot of team work as well as rigor for the teachers and administrators. All administrators were asked to work with their assigned appraisees/teachers in the reading and math areas as we moved forward

for the end of the school year . Mr. Woods aske us all to refocus our goals and objectives in other areas such as Renaissance, DLA and even the upcoming STAAR assessments . At the end of the day all of these course involved HB3 Literacy in Reading and Math for all of our scholars in regard them being TIER I II III, Special Populations G/T ,LEP/TELPAS and Magnet . As we move forward we will continue to review bi-weekly components of HB3 as prescribed for the months of February through March. .

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. We all wished each other a Merry Christmas and a Happier New Year! The next meeting day will be e-mailed to all membe