



JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

LEADING THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND EFFICIENCY



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SDMC Agenda September 28, 2022, 6:00pm

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Principal Bruce at 6:01pm

Introductions

SDMC members were listed. Introductions were made. Principal Bruce allowed for any members to unmute and introduce themselves.

Enrollment

- Total Enrollment 1952
- 9th Grade – 606 students
- 10th Grade – 519 students
- 11th Grade – 428 students
- 12th Grade – 399 students
- Principal Bruce indicated that from the numbers per grade level 9th grade has the highest numbers and then decline as grade levels increase. She indicated that it is one of her goals to maintain 9th grade numbers through 12th grade.

Vacancies

Principal Bruce reviewed current vacancies on campus. Principal Bruce indicated that the number of vacancies is significantly lower from previous years. Principal Bruce explained that in those classes, the administration has/in process of hiring hourly lecturers to be placed in classes with a vacancy teacher. Principal Bruce also explained the difference between an hourly lecturer and a certified teacher as someone that has college hours in a particular content but is not certified in a particular content area. Often those individuals may be in an ACP Program. Ms. Sharon William asked for Principal Bruce to repeat the definition and Principal Bruce complied.

Current Vacancies

- Language Other Than English (Spanish) – 1 Vacancy
- Social Studies – 1 Vacancy
- English – 1 Vacancy

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities are performing and doing well in their prospective areas. Football is having a winning season. We have a JV team as well. Band is preparing for UIL competition which is a push for



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Principal Bruce. Skills such as sight reading are enhanced through UIL competition. Volleyball has a freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity teams.

Building Updates/School Improvement Plan Information

Practice Fields: Football field is under construction. All concrete has been removed new soil has been brought in and the sprinkler system has been placed on the field. Principal Bruce had the sprinkler system raised by two inches. New sod was laid today. The grass will go into dormant season for 6 – 8 weeks and therefore the field will be unable to be used until the spring. The field has a 1-year warranty. Principal Bruce will request an inspection at 6 months and 11 months. Next, the crew will begin work on the soccer, softball, and baseball fields. They will lay clay and ensure proper field make up.

Safety: The glass around the building, although beautiful, presents safety concerns. Principal Bruce has explored a safety tint that prevent glass from ricocheting back, but the glass may still be see through. Principal Bruce also explored a privacy film in classrooms with significant amounts of class, specifically classrooms that we call “fishbowls” with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the walls being all glass.

Technology: Principal Bruce was able to secure funds to upgrade technology. Technology improves year after year. Currently, the classrooms are outfitted with promethean boards. Funds have been secured for clever boards. With these boards, apps can be installed and 3D learning can occur. The cost per board is 3500 per board which doesn't include installation. Next SDMC Principal Bruce will be able to provide an invoice and a timeline to install.

Graduation Information

Class of 2022 - 385 students

May Graduation - 339 students

Summer Graduation (Rainbow Graduation) – 6 students

Students still attempting graduation - 14 (varying reasons: testing, pass a course etc.)

Class of 2023

12th Grade Assistant Principal – Crystal Blanchard and Omari Issa

12th Grade Counselor – BriAntoine Westmoreland

Class of 2023 – 399 Students

Planned Senior Events are yearbook, prom, class trip. As we know these activities are expensive and fundraising has already started to occur.

Principal Bruce opens the floor up for questions.

Ms. Sharon Williams asked if the budget will be reviewed. Principal Bruce indicated that she could provide a brief overview. Principal Bruce indicated that we aren't operating off a lot of funds right now



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and will be fundraising and relying on donations. In our general funds it's approximately \$360,000 in the account. Of this account, stipends are paid from this account. There is a significant increase in stipend amounts this year. Materials also come out of this account.

Esser Funds – Schools had no say in how to spend these funds. The funds went to tutorials. The campus will receive 14 tutors from October to May. This satisfies HB4545 requirements.

Title I – Some salaries were paid out of Title I. We were able to add 3 additional teachers (2 English/1Math) to reduce class sizes. The average class size is 22-26 students.

Ms. Williams asked about CCMR budget. Principal Bruce indicated that College Career and Readiness resources come directly to us from them. Ms. Williams asked if that has always been the process. Principal Bruce indicated that it has.

CTE – In this budget we have money for supplies. Travel is also paid for CTE. For example, FFA goes to the barn. That is directly paid for out of CTE. Supplies can range. Principal Bruce indicated that she just purchased a new Microsoft program and for health science the classes needed materials such as beds, gowns, and medical supplies.

ESL – We needed 700 bilingual dictionaries. 210 were received by HISD multilingual department. We have purchased headphones for students to take the TELPAS assessment.

The end time for the ZOOM call was approaching, and Ms. Williams was unable to ask additional questions. She indicated that she would submit the remainder via e-mail. Principal Bruce indicated that she would respond once received.

SDMC ended at 7pm.