

SDMC MINUTES – January 19, 2023

In attendance:

Amanda Sebba, Mary Johnson Davis , Jennifer Mccord , Karen White, Yoly Villareal, Jaime Scott, Guadalupe Marquez, Elizabeth Van Der Pol

Updates from Sebba – Budget, Staffing, Enrollment, Purchasing, and Instruction

- Budget - Budget looks good for the rest of the year to cover hourly, should have money for a couple more Montessori trainings and to purchase uniforms for next year
- Need: immediate uniform support for newcomer families (donations?)
- Staffing: new hire for Ms. Dreher's classroom (Jasmine Mendivil); Ms. Salgado has departed
- Recruitment: Our big magnet fair is Saturday at Heights HS
 - Discussion of recruitment for middle school. Need for middle school because our current enrollment is too low to sustain four teachers in the middle school. Will have two booths at the fair. Discussion of impact of integrating 6th graders into UE classrooms—changes classroom culture to have new students. SDMC supportive of the move to integrate new 6th graders but want to be thoughtful about how and the maximum number. Discussion of orientation to support transition.
- **Input needed:** \$8000 for campus capital (furniture, technology)
 - Suggestions: PTO president suggested teacher lounge update; Sebba suggested lower el tables and chairs (echoed by teachers); also suggested by teachers - Montessori shelving to replace wobbly shelves
 - Suggested contacting parents
 - "Prepared environment is the key."
 - Microwaves or electrical enhancement so we don't trip breakers (?); new refrigerator

School/classroom updates

- Teacher updates
 - Dyslexia screener is ongoing for current 1st graders - screener to determine if student is at-risk for dyslexia
 - Kinder will be screened later this year
 - GT testing is coming up (by request)
 - Passion projects
 - Some teachers do an event around Valentine's - it's a Montessori tradition around having tea and teaching etiquette
 - Handmade card exchange

PTO updates

- Love Your Body Week (National Eating Disorder Week) - Kids would take a photo of themselves with props, then write a love letter to themselves
- New teacher liaison is coming in - Kuhnen.
- Bringing Montessori moments back to PTO meetings

- Questions that got brought up – some parents have never received work plans so might be reaching out to teaching. Remaining interest in Montessori observations.

SDMC Scheduling

- March 9, 2023

Other:

Ms. Sebba asked the SDMC for input on the draft community survey questions. The SDMC discussed the purpose of a parent/community survey and potential questions regarding familiarity with Montessori and effectiveness of SpEd/504 on campus.