

Sharpstown High School SDMC Minutes

March 7, 2023

Mr. De Leon opened the meeting at 4:20 with a welcome to all and a mention that Spring Break was only a few days away.

The first item for discussion was the budget for the following year. Due to lower enrollment district wide and the well-publicized budget deficits which will continue to grow year after year due to state recapture, there will likely be a reduction in the school budgets this coming school year. The school will have less money next year, but it will likely not be significant enough to need to cut programs or services. In fact, we will likely increase our enrollment and be about the same as we were this year.

The discussion continued to additional staffing and UIL/Sports packages. With the growth of the Agriculture program, we will need to add an additional teacher to continue providing a quality program. The committee agreed that the Ag program was a great addition and that students really enjoyed it. Mr. De Leon explained that most of the cost would likely be covered by the CTE program, and it would not place an undue strain on our budget. The other issue is that there was a significant increase in the cost of stipends for coaches and fine arts teachers this year that will continue to next year. This will put a strain on our budget, but it is well worth it for the quality programs what we can offer our students. For many of them, it is the reason they come to school. The committee decided to keep all current programs in place.

The committee decided to table the discussion of mission and vision for another day.

The meeting ended at 5:15.