Chavez High School

Site Decision Making Committee

January 19, 2022

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| Name | In Attendance | Not In Attendance | Name | In Attendance | Not In Attendance |
| Luis Landa | X |  | Yen Rabe | X |  |
| Paulette Crawford | X |  | Christina Saldivar | X |  |
| Jalen Hemphill | X |  | Veronica Williams | X |  |
| Lupe Eureste | X |  | Ruth DeLuna |  | X |
| Maqsuda Afroz | X |  | Ingrid Berlanga | X |  |
| Claudia Castillo | X |  | Adrian Izaguirre |  | X |
| Joseph Cordova |  | X | Sara Cronin |  | X |
| Coretta Mallet | X |  | Julie Vazquez | X |  |
| Jordache Oliver | X |  | Gabriel Gonzalez |  | X |

Welcome

Focus for the Year

**Ensuring the Safety of Students and Staff members** - ensuring safety of students and staff members is my primary focus as we are not out of the pandemic. We made a big order for the K-95 masks that we will be passing out to all staff members. We are still asking students to wear their masks, wash their hands often and practice social distancing. I will remain focused making sure that we still abide by our districts policies.

**Vacant Positions** – In terms of our vacant positions, we still have an engineering vacancy. It's been really hard to fill this position, because it does require someone who's has been an engineer with at least two years of experience and is wanting to transition into teaching, which is difficult because, as you know, there is a definitely a salary change. We do have a math vacancy that is a recent vacancy, as we did lose our math teacher. We did have two interviews today, so hoping that we can make some headway with filling that position and will be posting an English vacancy on the 24th that we're hoping to fill in there as well.

**Bell Schedule** Change - As we move forward into the second semester, we made a change to our bell schedule. We added an advocacy period into the schedule. It's a 45-minute period that will be observed Monday through Thursday. The reason for that change is that it allows equal time for all classes. It allows us to have and to support SEL within our classrooms as well as build relationships and in a non-academic setting. It also supports, or will support, our literacy initiatives by our campus. It allows us time to build in announcements which usually take about 5 minutes of instructional time and then allows us to support district initiative, other school initiatives, as well as will provide an opportunity for during the day intervention as well as an opportunity for clubs to meet during the day virtually during this particular time. Today was the first day that we observed this schedule. Again, it'll be Monday through Thursday. Friday's schedule will continue to be C day. The new bell schedule is on our website. I am hoping we will

**Enrichment Opportunity for students** - We are providing after school tutorials Monday thru Thursdays. We are also offering our “Super Saturdays”, which provide our students credit recovery opportunities. “Super Saturdays” are spaced out throughout the semester, and we offer additional credit recoveries during our spring break. We are trying to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to be successful.

**Budget Update** - Our district did provide us quite a bit of money, almost half $1,000,000, to remedy areas, known learning gaps. This allows us to provide tutorial services Monday through Thursdays on Saturdays, to our students. This will help to better prepared for STAAR testing. These opportunities come with the cost of $50.00 an hour to pay our teachers. It's not only open to just core content teachers, but also to all teachers who have a skill set in any particular area. We currently have approximately 300 students that are showing up Saturdays, and I’m sure more students are going to show up. Which is awesome. We are kind of falling into a predicament or we're falling into a state where we have more students and need more teachers, which we hadn't seen this in the past. So, they're taking advantage of it. It's a “good” issue to have. That is what those Esser funds are for. We've posted a lot of hourly positions that we will be screening for this week. Every classroom does have a clever touch. Those clever touch boards cost $5400 a piece. We have a three-year plan that we started last year, to purchase clever boards for every classroom. So, we're only in the second year of this three year plan, and as you can imagine, 150 classrooms at $5400 each is a lot of money. Another need we have is to replace our bleachers in the gym. Bleachers are not cheap. Ours are 21 years old. They can be fixed for about 30,000, or it's going to cost us about 70,000 to replace them. We are going to replace them all. It's not cheap, but I think that's what's going be best for Chavez. It's a safety hazard. We can't close them or open them. We did get bulletin boards up to serve as informational boards for our students. We are adding a new teachers lounge on the 2nd floor, as recommended from the Culture Committee. At this moment we're relocating a police officer into the front main office and moving the other officer to K111 to be closer o the student parking lot. This will eliminate traffic in our College Readiness Center which adjoins the current Police Office. Some of the leftover funds will be used to buy 13 more benches to go outside along with more picnic tables. We also need about $18,000 to improve the audio in the in the auditorium, so we're going to move forward with that so that we can support our auditorium and the theatre department. We will be consulting with Dr. Nguyen to see what else we need to support the Fine Arts areas. We are also looking to purchase drones to be incorporated bit with VAMOS department to be used for photography and for drone competitions

**Important Dates**

* Second Semester begins January 19
* Teacher Service Day February 21st
* Spring Break – March 14 – March 18
* UIL Competitions are around the corner
* Next SDMC Meeting is scheduled for February 24