

Mervin Iverson ES
School Organizational Team Meeting
Mervin Iverson Library
March 10, 2025
3:30 P.M.

SOT members:

Amanda Benavidez, teacher
Carrie Bowden, teacher
Erin Littlefield, support staff
Kent Sabo, principal

Rodney Bowden, Parent
Jessica Cox, Parent
Danielle Ford, Parent
Shannon Young, Parent

Administration Team:

Kent Sabo, principal
Victoria Watkis, assistant principal
Jennifer Gomez, assistant principal

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It is asked that speakers be respectful to each other, Team members, the principal and school district staff. Speakers that are disruptive will be asked to leave the meeting.

1.0 Welcome

1.1 Member Attendance

Shannon Young
Danielle Ford
Carrie Bowden
Kent Sabo
Rodney Bowden
Jessica Cox

2.0 New Items

2.1 Approval of minutes from 2/5/2025

Motion to approve: Danielle Ford
Second: Jessica Cox
All approve

3.0 General Discussion

3.1 Update on staffing for 2025-2026 school year

3 licensed teachers have accepted positions in other schools. Dr. Sabo will send out grade level assignments after Spring Break

We will be keeping the behavior strategist position

We will need to hire one classroom teacher. Dr. Sabo has someone in mind.

We will also hire an intermediate autism teacher. Dr. Sabo has someone in mind.

3.2 21st Century Grant

There is no money currently available in the grant fund. Amy Sequeira will continue to check in and see if funding becomes available

3.3 Magnet ideas

It would be helpful to have a program that has a middle and high school nearby that has a similar program. That way the students could feed into those schools.

There are a lot of STEM elementary schools. Would need to look at other options. Dr. Sabo will find out if the district keeps the number of elementary magnet schools to a certain number.

An arts magnet school could be a possibility since there is only one currently in the district.

Once we know the number of allowed magnet elementary schools in the district we will see if we can move forward.

3.4 Grant opportunities

Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation helps individuals of all ages pursue their educational goals and achieve their dreams by investing in literacy programs that help students learn to read, prepare for the high school equivalency test or learn English. Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs

Your organization must be one of the following: A qualified 501(c)(3)

organization with a valid IRS tax ID, A K-12 Private or Public School. Your

organization must provide direct service and reside within a state in which Dollar General operates and must be located within 20 miles of a Dollar General store.

Grants open March 6. **Deadline: April 3.** [Click here.](#)

Will find someone to be in charge (A.Benavidez or A.Sequeira possibly)

Look into Public Education Foundation to see if they have available grants

3.5 Agenda items for next meeting

Participants can email bowdec@nvv.cssd.net with ideas

4.0 Information

4.1 Next meeting: TBA

Monday, April 7

5.0 Public Comment Period (2 minutes maximum allotted)