

John F. Miller School
School Organizational Team Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023
5:00 PM

School Organizational Team Members:

Elysia Byrd, Licensed Member, Chairperson - PRESENT

Cecilia Hansen, Parent Member - NOT PRESENT

Christie Howard, Parent Member - NOT PRESENT

Lori Hunton, Support Staff Member - PRESENT

Elizabeth Poglitsch, Principal - PRESENT

Medley Sapp, Licensed Member - PRESENT

Gertruda Heidi Tunea, Parent Member - PRESENT

Others present:

Angela Pajak, Assistant Principal

GOOGLE MEET LINK: meet.google.com/nsb-wqdz-dui

This meeting agenda is posted publicly on the school website at:

<https://johnfmillerschool.org/>

The School Organizational Team may take items on the agenda out of order, combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda at any time.

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

1.0 Welcome & Roll Call

- Attendance was recorded
- We have a candidate for National Life Changer Award, Lisa Prall
 - One winner from each state
 - Nominated by CCSD

2.0 Review Minutes

- Minutes were approved and will be posted onto the website

3.0 Budget Updates

- Strategic Budget

- CCSDs budgeting department removed \$58,017 on January 10th, 2023; reallocated us \$45,008 that is supposed to be for the entire school year; leaving us with \$21,789.50; administration is meeting with budget admin to discuss their practices and this issue
- This was a CCSD Budget Department error, not a school error
- Took 9 days to reply regarding the issue; response was “Would you like to meet about this?” Principal is working on getting the issue corrected.
- Once Principal receives answers, she will present to the SOT and staff
- \$21,000+ remains for this semester if this issue is not corrected; however, we still have funds available in our grant; our students will not go without
- Title I
 - Reviewed Title I Allocation for 23-24 school year; \$48,450
 - Discussion on how our Title I funds will be used occurred
 - Prep buyouts for sensory activities and parental involvement
 - Potentially buying more BEAM projectors
 - Principal reviewed what our Title I funds are typically spent on and how they are tied to the Plan of Operation.

4.0 Staffing Updates

- 2 teacher positions open; transfer season opens next week so we can begin hiring next week for next school year; also depends on if teachers choose to transfer schools or retire
- 1 Support Professional being hired; in process
- 7 SPTA positions still open; applications still being accepted
- State regulation requires hiring a librarian next year
- We may be allocated an Art teacher next year as well; this is being looked into
- We should have two Adaptive PE teachers and one general ed PE teacher; this is being looked into
- Local Plan Grant - some positions will be requested (Social Worker)

5.0 School Improvement Plan Updates

- Plan of Operation for 23-24 school year
 - Plan of Operation team met recently to determine our goals for next year
 - Goals are related to student learning, adult learning, connectedness (family/community engagement)

6.0 Required Community Meeting - Grading Expectations and Information Regarding Regulation 5121, Student Progress: Grading (Grades Kindergarten through Twelve)

- Principal reviewed the Regulation 5121 presentation as required by CCSD

- Heidi, one of our parent representatives, expressed concerns that we have to continue to prove ourselves and fight for funding and representation within the district as a special school
- Elysia will post grading information on the website

7.0 Upcoming Events

- February -
 - Super Bowl event put on by the Speech Department and will use assistive technology
 - Staff Chili Cook-off
 - Valentine's Day Dance and Royal Court (parents of the court will be invited)
 - Mardi Gras parade with Royal Court
- March -
 - Miller building 10th anniversary event
 - Butterfly habitats

8.0 Discussion and Request for Future Meeting Agenda

- Continue meeting at 5pm
- Next meeting: Thursday, February 16th at 5pm

9.0 Public Comment Period (Two (2) minutes maximum allotted)

- Medley - Substitute pay was increased but special education sub pay was not; Are there any funds available to increase the SOSA pay to make that position more enticing for someone to come to our school?
 - Principal replied:
 - Subs in vacancies receive more (\$180) versus regular sub (\$150)
 - SOSAs receive \$150
 - There is no way to provide subs more money from the school site
- Heidi - Are we still having a parent group at anytime?
 - Principal replied:
 - She can help get it started and introduce people if Heidi wants to be the lead
 - Liza will get together with Heidi next week to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.