

SGC Meeting: 4/3/17

In Attendance: Sue O'Shea, Nancy Lamb, Kathi Hughes, Marissa Mangone, Sharlia Gilman, Jenifer Jefferies, David Gomez, Ali Pennick, Katie Chase, Linda Walsh, Sabine Schweizer

The Budget

Sue reported that the budget is not balanced. We are over budget by \$75,900. Part of budget is in "reserve fund". Was told to tell SGC they are "working on it". Art budget down \$1400. Biggest cost is teacher salaries as well as music and orchestra teachers as specials teachers used to not be covered by the school's budget.

Provided \$6,104 per student. It is projected we will get 34 new students next year.

The response to the letter Ms. Mangone sent stated that certain schools were given money, so their budget would balance. They mentioned the possibility of using Title 1 money to pay for a teacher or half a teacher, which Sue stated she does not want to do.

Magic number is 72. Three teachers in reserve for entire district. Mr. Gomez inquired if the district is researching home sales when factoring how many students will be attending Marvin. Ms. Mangone inquired what else can/should be done in response to the letters. The idea of writing another letter from SGC as well as one just from parents or, parent letters in addition to a letter from the SGC as a response to the responses we received after the initial letter.

Fundraising was also mentioned, such as charging \$5 per family for the art show. Ms. Mangone is going to reach out to someone she knows who is a reporter for The Hour to get publicity. Katie offered to reach out to Annette to see what she needs and if money would be better than receiving supplies. Ask her to create a list of things she needs. A giving tree will be created.

Letter that will go out to all parents in hard copy as well as in the newsblast (in Spanish & English). Also, the current responses will be posted on Marvin website. Plan is for parents to write a response letter to Mr. Costanzo's email on Marvin letterhead stating that we will share their response with other parents.

Afterschool Programming for 2017-2018

Changing afterschool program from Achieve to After the Bell was discussed. There is no contract with Achieve currently.

It is currently being used at Kendall (as well as other NPS schools) and Sue Ellen knows someone who speaks highly of the program. Hard copies of info was provided by Sue Ellen. Current rates are comparable with Achieve, which is approximately \$225 per month.

We need to let After the Bell know if we'd like to use them by the end of April. Mr. Gomez suggested signing a contract with the new company as soon as we give notice to Achieve. Everyone currently in attendance at tonight's meeting was in agreement to sign with a new company.

Plan is to discuss how this decision will be shared with the parents at next SGC meeting.

Parent Survey

FLES Update

Families would pay for this program, \$18 per class/\$180 per 10 week session, scholarships through PTO?

Any age, 3rd-5th grade?

Fully insured

5-10 kids per class, with books, 10 sessions, fall & spring, native speakers as instructors, homework is optional

Suggestion was to have 4 languages to focus on: Greek, French, German, Spanish

Mr. Gomez brought up how we can be more welcoming to Spanish speaking families, such as an organization for Spanish families

School Compact

Ms. O'Shea provided everyone present with a color copy of the compact she drafted

She noted that parents do not need to sign the compact

Will eventually be translated into Spanish, possibly by someone at central office

Ms. O'Shea asked SGC to make note of any errors or edits they noticed

Added to Agenda: Next Generation Accountability Report

Ms. O'Shea provided everyone with a hard copy of report

Marvin is second highest school in district

Our goal is to have 80% next year (versus current 75%), which will make us a category 1 school

Additional Notes

Possibility of having walk-a-thon go to beach

How to get more info about Marvin in The Hour and on News 12

Letter to paper from SGC regarding Next Generation report, Sue to send bullet points to Jennifer & Marissa