

**Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet Site Council Minutes
1/9/2018**

Library, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Present: Diana Frederick, Neal Allen, Ellen Cooke, Maria Sadkhi, Lila Madison, Esther Koontz, Sarah Sackett, Vanessa Martinez

Staff openings/vacancies

Mrs. Bumgarner is retiring. Mrs. Palacio is resigning, leaving the district. We will be interviewing for those vacancies this spring. We still have para vacancies; Maria Alvarado and Elizabeth Gonzalez' vacancies have been filled. Now we have one ESOL for middle school vacancy and one elementary para vacancy.

Budget - 4.95% raise & Title I budget

The 4.95% raise has helped morale; some teachers have also qualified for longevity increases. We have been asked for a wish list for our building, due Friday. We will be asking for alternative seating, for example chairs that wobble.

New schedule for next year

Next year the first bell will ring at 7:50 and school will start at 8:00. Dismissal will be 3:10. The number of school days will increase, but it has not been determined how those days will be arranged.

We integrated the Second Step curriculum this year, utilizing the extra 30 minutes in the day. We will try to still include this for the elementary and possibly even for middle school next year. Currently each elementary teacher teaches math; we are evaluating how that has gone this year in making decisions for next year.

Safe & Civil Survey data

We reviewed the comments made by parents, staff and students on the Safe & Civil Survey and discussed common themes. One topic was building security and the need to communicate the crisis plan to parents.