

Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet Site Council Minutes
5/1/2018
Library, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Present: Sarah Sackett, Vanessa Martinez, Adrienne Starlin, Diana Frederick

Appoint new officers (president & secretary)

Secretary: Sarah Sackett

Alternate/On-call volunteer: Adrienne Starlin

We still need to find a president, someone to meet with Vanessa prior to meetings and then serve as a meeting facilitator.

Budget for 2018-19 School year

We were cut \$16,000 in Title I. We will try to take those cuts from places that won't affect staff. One para, Diane Tombaugh, isn't coming back, so that will absorb some of that. She may be able to act as a substitute para. She was the person who managed the fruits and vegetable grant; we expect the new person in food service to take over that.

Personnel Changes & Vacancies

In 1st grade, Mrs. Palacio is retiring. We've hired Yvette Aguilera, who used to be a student-teacher in Kinder. In 3rd grade, Mrs. Bumgarner is retiring. We are interviewing and hope to hire soon. In 5th grade, Mrs. Martinez is leaving. We've hired Monica Limon, who is a former student who has been teaching 5th at Irving. She has been involved in the AVID program, so we are looking into the possibility of becoming an AVID school. Mr. Hicks is leaving (to South High). We've had a promising interview – the position is still open. Mrs. Weixelman is leaving (to Coleman). We are in the middle of interviewing and have some outstanding candidates. Mrs. Levine is leaving (to CMA). This position will be posted. The speech pathologist Robin Gales is leaving – we will be assigned someone else.

We have a full-time para (Special Education) position open. We also have a part-time 29.5 hours/week Sped position open. We also have a 10hr/week office translator position.

Team leaders for next year: Kinder Sylvia Salgado, 1st Laura Bender, 2nd Geraldine Alvarado, 3rd Christian Ramstack, 4th Erika Ramirez, 5th Jamie Dye, Middle School Amber Kirk, Child Study Team Danielle Derstein, ESOL Veronica Sales, SPED Anne Carrillo, and Specials Lara Williams.

Curriculum Changes next year

Elementary is adopting Journeys as the new language arts curriculum. This is exciting because it has a Spanish Language component. We were part of the pilot so were able to compare this with another option. Social studies and Science are embedded within this curriculum.

District's New Strategic Plan

The new plan from the district is available on the district website. Vanessa is happy with it – she feels like it ties in well with what we do at Horace Mann. We watched the video prepared by the district (available online) -- Every Student Future Ready: Dream, Believe, and Achieve.

Leadership Survey

HM Staff have received a survey to evaluate the leadership at Horace Mann. This is an opportunity for professional development for Mrs. Martinez & Mr. Stoskopf.

New Business

Adrienne had some questions about the dress code – the difference between leggings and jegging, for example. Mrs. Martinez says tightness and transparency are the biggest problems she sees. We discussed the possibility of clarifying the policy about jeggings to include the need for real pockets. We also discussed the possibility of posting a sign with picture examples in the middle school area.

We will be sending out a survey next year – we survey parents every other year. No change will be made until that survey process has been completed.