

Mannion Middle School
School Organizational Team Minutes
February 8, 2017
5:30 PM

The Mannion School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on February 8, 2017. The meeting was held in the library at Mannion Middle School.

Members present:

Kacie Pixley, Chair
Sharon Armstrong, Member
Amy Frost, Member
Nicole Gonzalez, Member
Robynn Grattini, Member
Patrick Leytham, Member
Brielle Parises, Member
Kym Rodriguez, Member
Reed Russell, Member
Ashlynn Ruby, Student Member
Todd Petersen, Principal

Members absent:

Allison Foster, Vice-Chair
James Gibson, Member
Toni Iradella, Member

Old Agenda Items

- **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting dated January 24, 2017 were presented. Member Brielle Parises made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. There was a counted vote with 9 in favor and 0 opposed.

New Agenda Items

- **Budget Presentation & Overview**

The team members were provided with data from the State Accountability Measures report, which includes results from the SBAC test and End of Course Exams for the 2015-2016 school year. The members were also given the results of the parent and student comments on the districtwide survey. Principal, Todd Petersen, then presented the team members with the proposed strategic budget for the 2017-2018 school year. It was explained that the projected enrollment has decreased from the current year and will result in having a smaller 6th and 7th grade student population and a larger 8th grade student population. The purpose of a prep buy-out and how the cost is calculated was explained. The team members were then guided through a chart listing the proposed significant changes between the current school year and the 2017-2018 school year. Examples of significant changes include the following but are not limited to: hiring a full-time teacher for the IHS position, hiring a full-time Special Education Facilitator (SEIF), adding fundamental math classes as well as a Read 180 course, and hiring an additional SPTA to support the CC classes.

- **SOT Member Questions/Comments Regarding Budget**

Concerns over hiring an SPTA versus a licensed special education teacher were discussed. Some of the concerns discussed were the roles and responsibilities of an SPTA, the responsibility of training SPTAs, and the type of support that would be provided to the students and general education teacher to ensure that the accommodations within IEPs are being properly met. Also, SOT members inquired about the roles and responsibilities of the SEIF if hired for a full-time position on campus. Principal Todd Petersen addressed the concerns and expressed that due to the job scope and responsibilities, he is confident in the abilities of an SPTA to provide the necessary support that is needed in the CC classes. He also shared that the position will be for an SPTA II with the maximum number of hours offered to attract the best candidates possible. It was also expressed that hiring a full-time SEIF will help ensure the successful implementation of a well-trained SPTA in the CC classes. The SOT members also discussed the cost of math books as well as possible options to find books from other schools to save money and utilize those funds in other areas of the budget. Some members also shared their concerns of placing a full-time teacher in the IHS position instead of continuing with the current model, which is using Hope 2 funds to purchase three prep buy-outs for teachers to assist IHS students with core subjects. There was a roll call vote to determine which topics of the strategic budget need to be revisited. The results of the vote are as follows:

Key: Y=Yes, revisit this issue N=No, I support what is currently proposed on the strategic budget.

| Name | IHS Position | Full-Time SEIF | OSII Position | Hiring an SPTA |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Kacie Pixley | Y | Y | N | Y |
| Sharon Armstrong | N | N | N | N |
| Amy Frost | N | N | N | N |
| Nicole Gonzalez | Y | N | N | Y |
| Robynn Grattini | Y | Y | Abstain | Y |
| Patrick Leytham | Y | Y | N | N |
| Brielle Parises | N | N | N | Y |
| Kym Rodriguez | Y | N | N | Y |
| Reed Russell | Y | N | N | Y |
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| Results | Yes: 6 No: 3 Revisit this issue. | Yes: 3 No: 6 | Yes:0 No: 8 Abstain: 1 | Yes: 6 No: 3 Revisit this issue. |

▪ **STUDENT UPDATE**

Student member, Ashlynn Ruby provided an update on the work that student council is currently involved with such as building school spirit and preparing for the upcoming sports assembly on February 22nd.

General Discussion

• **Agenda Planning: Items for Future Agendas**

The committee identified future agenda items:

- Review and discuss the revised budget for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Review and discuss the School Performance Plan (SPP).

Information

• **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2017 in the Mannion Middle School Library at 5:30 P.M.

Public Comment Period

• Brian Lowery, Teacher

Prior to voting on which issues of the budget would need to be revisited, Mr. Lowery made a case for waiting one more year before changing the Machine Cost Operations position to an OSII.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.