

January 2024 Minutes

Board Members – MaryLou, Amy, Michael, Joel

DMA – Samantha Bandy, Kevin Davis

Education One - Amanda Webb

Move to elect Katie 2027

Approved Unanimously

Financials

Found that extra 86K was being added, money from property taxes, just this year is funded, but may be permanent

Special education budget being increased as the enrollment increased

Money from books showing, textbook reimbursement

Approved Unanimously

Personnel

No new hire, 1 term, not sure if being backfilled

in planning, talked with THS, 2 positions opened, teacher and floater

Approved Unanimously

Enrollment

Were at 131, gained one lost one in December

Lost 2 since beginning of Jan, (1 graduated, 1 to home)

1 paperwork complete for Biggs, coming in February

Tours have been ongoing, not many transitions, goal of 142 by next count day

Middles has space concerns, Littles are looking for 4 more

Video Policy

Sami talked with Alex, focuses on cameras, deterrence is key,

The Board's concern is keeping it from becoming an education record,

was told that it is not in play until a parent asks for the footage

Is still talking with THS about their liability

THS not ready to install yet, possibly February,

THS not yet asking for any monies for the cameras

Amy talks about the separation between THS and DMA, on the purpose of the cameras

Suggested that verbiage be added to differentiate the 2 entities

Will be located in the DMA/THS internal policy handbook

Calendar

Had about 60% attendance on Dec 30-31, students will have 20 whole days off, 240 education days

Juneteenth not being recognized as a holiday yet

Will have Rachel review and vote next month

Subcommittee

At the board retreat, discussed creating a Subcommittee specifically for DMA/THA expansion,

Invite DMA, THS, Education One, Kevin (as needed),

The point being to have communication with the board and public

Motion to form Subcommittee and place Amy as chair

Approved Unanimously

Mid-year ED review

Rachel brought up that the review for the ED was not as good as previous years

Previous year goals were softer, more day to day, current goals were more strategic but more difficult to attain/measure

Requested before next month's meeting, for board review

Attendance Rate

Question about what can be done?

excused absences are still absences, vacation or high medical needs

One suggestion, can a specific 180 days be selected?

2 that could be considered as "truant" but are working with both, 1 is situational, the other is behavioral

Comparison to traditional public school with special needs kids, are they measured the same

95% of 240, has to be the same as what is reported to the state,

looking at reporting 180, has been reporting 240, only reporting whole school day

Kevin, talk with DOE, talk about how it's measured, maybe by total days served / 180(240)

Mid-year data review

Asked by Education one, share more data with the board

Explained how the data was being measured, separated into L,M,B

Public Input