

SBDM Meeting--Squires Elementary

Monday, September 14, 2020—3:02pm

Members in Attendance: Sabrina Adkins-Principal
Robert Wilkirson-Teacher
Beth Garner-Teacher
Shayna Langston-Teacher
Amy Sohner-Parent

Others in Attendance: Jessica Price-Secretary

1. **Agenda Approval**—Agenda was submitted and reviewed by council. Shayna Langston moved to approve and Robert Wilkirson seconded. Approved by consensus.
2. **Approval of Minutes**—Minutes for August 3, 2020 was reviewed by council. Wilkirson moved to approve and Langston seconded. The council approved by consensus. Minutes for August 24, 2020 was reviewed by council. Langston moved to approve and Wilkirson seconded. The council approved by consensus.
3. **Public Comment**—None
4. **Financial Reports/MUNIS**—The SAF budget was reviewed by Jessica Price. Price said that she doesn't expect much money flow until the students are allowed back in the building for instruction. Recently receipted was a \$6000 grant for the after school program to implement a reopening budget. This budget would include sanitary and social distancing equipment for when CASTLE would be able to start again. Price also reviewed the MUNIS budget. SEC 6 currently has \$32,640.42 and we will be getting carry forward money (6C) around the end of October to middle of November. Price also explained that the Fee Wavier allocation might not be utilized to its full potential this year if instruction is still not allowed in the building. The is a money that the school can received if a fee wavier approved student is

charged and instructional fee, i.e. field trips. Due to COVID, field trips are not allowed at this point. This allocation might not be used this year.

5. **MUNIS Transfer Approval for Laptops**—Price released information that Mr. Wilkirson is retiring soon and that Adkins would like to have new laptops for the office staff to be set up before he leave. Price would need to make a budget transfer for \$6600 to purchase the laptops from Dell. Adkins also suggested that Squires PGES coach is working from a Chromebook and our guidance counselors is damaged. Price also shared the 3 quotes for the laptops and additional power cords. Dell was \$6576.66. CDW was \$12,533.82. Office Depot was \$19,178.88. Squires received a quote for very nice laptops for 1/3 of the price. Transfer approved by consensus.

6. **Staffing-Arts and Humanities Position**—Adkins started by announcing that Robert Wilkirson, Squires Visual Arts Instructor, is retiring November 1, 2020. The district had asked if Squires was going to post the same titled position, Visual Arts Instructor, or change the position to Arts and Humanities Instructor. By changing the name, the new teacher would cover not only the visual arts, but also dance, theater, and media arts. Adkins said that dance is covered by Joe Ragland, Squires Music Instructor, and Debbie Rose, Squires PE Instructor, and Lisa Pollock covered the media arts. Adkins was not sure that the theater arts were completely covered and by changing the title to Arts and Humanities, Squires would have all the “bases” covered. Regardless of the title of the position, the candidate would only requires an elementary school certification.

Wilkirson strongly advises that the title should be kept as a Visual Arts Instructor, so that the teacher would be able to demonstrate and instruct in a more trained atmosphere. The teacher should not have art as a hobby, but should have degrees to instruct children. Adkins countered that the specials area team should split the performing and visual arts more evenly and cohesively. She also said that visual arts would be the first category that the new teacher would cover since no other teacher would be teaching it.

Langston explained that she thinks the title should be kept as Visual Arts Instructor, but to add the description to keep visual arts as the main topic and to cover other topics, i.e. dance and theater. Adkins said that the district makes the descriptions of the “standard” positions and that we

would have to tell the candidates at the interview what we would expect in teaching the class.

Amy Sohner also feels strongly about keeping the title as Visual Arts Instructor due to the child's ability to soak in information at a younger age. Sohner also asked what would "humanities" part of the position include and doesn't understand the need of changing the title. Adkins explained that humanities would include teaching more culture, history, and applying that knowledge to the world. Wilkerson also said that an instructor of the arts needs to have talent and not just classical training. The "arts" need talent. Langston agreed.

Marc Franco agrees that the title should be kept as Visual Arts Instructor and should have be talented in the visual arts to demonstrate the curriculum. The council approved by consensus; the title will remain Visual Arts Instructor upon the posted of the position.

7. **Emergency Management Plan**—Adkins reviewed the Emergency Management Plan with the council. Wilkerson moved to approve the plan. Beth Garner seconded. Approved by consensus.
8. **Joe Ragland-Music Instrument Replacement Plan**—The council read Joe Ragland's music replacement plan proposal. This year is the third year of five in the replacement of musical instruments. Our current instruments are from the 1980s and have been well taken care of, but they are in need of repair/replacement. The cost for various types of xylophones/glockenspiels/drums is \$2533.80. Garner moved to approve the plan. Franco seconded. Plan approved by consensus.
9. **Other**—No other topics discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.

Jessica Boeglin, Recording Secretary