



SIMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Home of the Cougars”

242 W. Water Street

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Simons Middle School SBDM Agenda

May 17, 2021– 3:45 PM

Zoom Meeting Link

Whitney Wilson
Principal

Jordan Fritz
Assistant Principal

Kim Perkins
Guidance Counselor

Pauletta Lawson
Admin. Asst./Treasurer

Cheryl Roberts
Attendance Clerk

Mendy High
FRYSC Coordinator

SBDM Members
Chelsae Bohl
Taylor Hunt
Amy Ishmael
Paul King
Jenny Sims
Whitney Wilson

1. Call to Order / Welcome Guests

Meeting convened at 3:48 pm on 5/17/21

Members present: Chelsae Bohl, Taylor Hunt, Amy Ishmael (via zoom), Paul King (via zoom), and Whitney Wilson

2. Approval of Agenda – **Action**

Members approved agenda by consensus

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – **Action**

a. April 19, 2021

Minutes were reviewed. Members did not have any addendums or changes.

4. Approval of Financial Reports – **Action**

a. School Activity Funds

i. April 2021

Sports have been the bulk of financial activity. Student enhancement has had deposits. Our pizza kit fundraiser, so far, has brought in over \$1,000 already. 8th Grade Party will affect the funds. That will be on Friday. Our staff fund has decreased due to various deaths, etc.

Most grants have already been utilized.

Members did not have any questions.

b. School Instructional Funds

i. March 2021

Our instructional balance was around \$3,000. An order for gradecam was put in as for remind as well. Remind allows us to connect with parents and students.

Ishmael commented that she likes the remind program.

King asked if there was funding set aside for chromebooks. Wilson responded that the district is supposed to furnish teachers with new workstations. She is requesting a mobile device with more memory than a chromebook. Thus, the teacher issued chromebooks will be returned to the student technology. Our current chromebooks have a different charger than new chromebooks, so new chromebooks will not work in our current carts. At some point, we are in hopes that the district will purchase a bulk amount of chromebooks. There is a district activities fund which is where our chromebook parts are coming from. We turn in around 5-6 chromebooks a week due to the wear from daily student use.

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Members discussed that we need new chromebooks because ours are older and are dwindling. We may encourage the use of personal devices, but in the end we would need school chromebooks for testing purposes, etc.

5. Staff Allocations for 2021-2022 School Year - **Action**

Staffing allocations were discussed. We will basically remain at the same number of staff that we have now. However, we will be able to employ a librarian again.

Ishamel inquired if the intervention teachers were included in our numbers. They are not. They are district employed. We will, hopefully, be getting a half time SPED teacher.

Leadership team will meet with Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Perkins tomorrow after school to look at scheduling, especially with students that have IEP's to look at numbers and scheduling in terms of if we need another full time SPED teacher instead of a part time. However, SPED allocations are determined by your numbers and given per the district.

6. Proposed Instructional Budget - **Information**

The budget committee met. They did not make a recommendation. The instructional budget included is proposed, not recommended. We will receive \$100 per student enrollment. Budget committee will be meeting again very soon. They were also concerned about chromebooks.

7. 2021-2022 Proposed Bell Schedule - **Information**

The proposed bell schedule will depend on staffing. For instance, we are still actively looking for a Librarian. The position is being reposted with additional language. It will be requested that the person will teach 4 classes a day, being put back into the UA rotations. The other 2 periods they will be working on library activities, technology skills, etc. This person will be needed to help students complete BPI activities and keyboarding.

Hunt inquired if we were replacing the writing teacher with this position. Wilson shared that she is not sure yet, but she is hoping to return writing to the ELA classroom. In a best case scenario, this position would allow for students to have a different Unified Arts class each day.

The times of the bell schedule will not be determined until we know what our staffing will look like. We are in hopes of having content planning time for the next school year.

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8. Curriculum and Instruction Update – **Information**

- a. Advance Kentucky Grant and LTF Training
- b. BPI Update
- c. KPREP Testing

Students have taken the PSAT. We have the scores, but we do not have access to those at this time due to technological issues. Originally our goal was around 74 students hitting the benchmark. We are not sure exactly what the goal is for this year nor how many students reached that benchmark. The number of students hitting the benchmark this year has been adjusted due to COVID, per College Board. Last year we missed the benchmark by 1 student.

In terms of BPI, students are making progress on improving their BPI. There are less than 10 in person and 10 FCPA students that, as of now, have not reached the 6 out of 8 mastery. We will continue to work with those students up until the last day of school. Wilson is hopeful that all students will reach mastery. The district has discussed maybe holding a summer school for students who did not reach BPI requirements.

We have been conducting KPREP testing. Today was the last official day of testing. 8th grade will be taking the field test for social studies on Wednesday. KPREP has been conducted online via computer. At this time, we are unsure what the data will look like when it is returned to us.

9. Title 1 Funds - **Action**

- a. Achieve3000
- b. ALEKS

The district typically asks us to approve title 1 fund use. We typically utilize title 1 funds for achieve 3000 and ALEKS. Members agreed that we should utilize title 1 for these programs for next year.

10. Committee Updates – **Information**

- a. Cougar Council
- b. Admin Meetings
- c. Leadership Team

11. Open Chair - SBDM Elections

We are currently taking nominations for teacher representatives. We will need to conduct parent nominations and elections next week.

12. Other

The math position was discussed. We are awaiting official word from interview candidates and pending paperwork.

13. Next Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

14. Adjourn 4:15 pm

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