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Helen Marie Smith Elementary
School Organizational Team Meeting
Wednesday, September 25 · 4:00 – 5:00pm
Video call link: meet.google.com/pgd-oura-ipy

School Organizational Team Members:

Sarah Sunnasy, Licenced, Chair
Anastasia Reveal-White, Parent, Vice-Chair
Kate Straub - Licenced
Karrie Kelley - Support Professional
Nicole Abarca - Parent
Raeann Moralez - Parent

Jennifer Wright, Principal
Merrill Young, Assistant Principal

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Speakers wishing to speak during the public comment period for this meeting may email Sarah Sunnasy (sunnasa@nv.ccsd.net) or sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up. No one may sign up for another person or yield their time to another person. Generally, a person wishing to speak during the comment period will be allowed two (2) minutes to address the School Organizational Team. Speakers may also submit additional comments in writing.

It is asked that speakers be respectful to each other, Team members, the principal and school district staff. Speakers that are disruptive will be asked to leave the meeting.

1.0 Welcome & Roll Call - Call to order at 4:04pm

2.0 Old Items

- 2.1 Adoption of May Minutes - **Adopted**
- 2.2 Adoption of August Minutes - **Adopted**

3.0 New Items

- 3.1 Strategic Budget - **Budget presented to governance team - Budget Approved**

There was a change to the way money is allocated. There is now weighted funding that provides funding for various special categories of students (ELL, At Risk, SpEd). Numbers from Spring '21 have changed due to the funding changes. Every student funded at a base rate, extra funding allocated for the special categories. Even though enrollment was lower, we received more funding, but the special category funding has to be spent in certain ways.

- **Total allocation for the year \$3.77 million**
- **Average cost of a teacher \$91,266.39**
- **We are 30 students short from spring projections.**
- **Due to the high number of kindergarten students and the low number of 1st grade students, a 1st grade teacher will be moving to kindergarten to alleviate the high numbers in K.**

- We have two Discretionary positions allocated. One will be Science and tentatively one 2nd grade teacher.
- \$121,996 ELL - Have to pay actual salary for these teachers. Allocated for one 4th and one 5th grade teacher
- Title 1 funded teachers - one primary and one intermediate
- Counselor only funded ½ day due to being under 499 students. Admin has appealed to the district to fully fund the position due to the high SEL needs of our students. If the district does not fully fund the position, we will have the money to fully fund the counselor position. Either way, we will have a full time counselor.

3.2 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan - **No changes from the last meeting. Governance had a discussion about having a Trunk or Treat the Thursday before Nevada Day (Thursday, October 28, 2021). Grade level chairs are reaching out to their teams to discuss how many teachers would be interested in participating. Due to covid restrictions, many of our activities such as Smithsonian night are on hold.**

3.3 Schoolwide Fundraiser - **Popcorn guy retired. We are going to be running a fundraiser during the month of October through BelieveKids.com. All orders are submitted online, everything is high-quality. Everything is shipped directly to the people who bought the items. The company is giving us numerous incentives because we signed up early. There is very little effort on the part of the school.**

3.4 SOT Elections for 21-22 School Year

- 3.4.1 Licensed
- 3.4.2 Support Staff
- 3.4.3 Parents

4.0 General Discussion

- 4.1 General Admin Updates and Information
- 4.2 October Meeting Date Discussion - **October 20, 2021 - 4pm via Google Meets**

5.0 Information

6.0 Public Comment Period (2 minutes maximum allotted) - Anastasia concerned about the 770 million allocated for covid relief funding. She filled out the forms through the district and wants to see the money going directly to initiatives that will impact student learning.

7.0 Vote to Adjourn - 4:50pm