
Destin High School Executive Board workshop

Tuesday, 12.03.24

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 5:01 pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

LoCicero, McBride, Stone, O'Neal (via phone), Luttrell, Sills, Eubank, Larabee, Biles, Williams (Executive Director), Kelley (Principal), Lopez (Board Advisory Chairperson)

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Golden Shark Award goes to Ms. Bell
- Officer Henry says the gates are all working. He needs a few additional cameras and some cameras need to be repaired. Nighttime lights need to be adjusted.
- Mr. Gordon reports that teachers are happy. Morale is high thanks to Dr. Kelley. Wish list items are as follows; Mr. Luke - smart board

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- We currently have 600 students enrolled at FTE 569, with a budget based on 635 students. This represents a 12% shortfall. The budget is facing a \$1.2 million deficit. We anticipate raising \$30,000 from the upcoming Chocolate School Fundraiser, and the Golf Tournament is scheduled for the Spring. Additionally, \$2,500 was collected from the recent email sent out yesterday. A report on the solar-powered picnic table from FPL indicates a cost of \$36,000. While we've had a successful two weeks, we need to revisit our policies regarding cell phone usage in the classroom. Moving any discussion of a new building to a workshop at a later date.
- In terms of sports, our golf and volleyball teams are ranked #1 among independent schools in Florida. Hibbets kindly donated \$100 to each member of the basketball team. The swim team currently has over 20 participants, and the cheerleading squad is preparing for a bid to nationals.
- We are in the process of changing banks, with a recommendation to move from Truist to MidSouth, primarily based on their superior customer service. The transition is expected to take 2-3 months.
- In the Principal's report, Dr. Kelley provided a positive update regarding the newly adjusted schedule and praised the fantastic staff. We are seeing an increase in foreign language speakers at the school, and testing is scheduled for the week before the holiday.
- Regarding the recent car accident, we are relieved to report that Foshen will be returning to school soon. Sonny's has generously donated food for all the children and families affected by the incident, and the students are organizing a fundraiser for the four families involved.
- We are also considering updating our charter, which includes changes to the Prep Academy and Fine Arts Academy names. We aim to complete the charter revisions within a 90-day window, working through the matrix during the upcoming workshop.

ACTION ITEMS - none

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

MEETING ADJOURNED by President, Heidi LoCicero, at 6:00
