

**Gilbert Academy of Creative Arts
School Organizational Team Minutes
May 10, 2018
4:30pm**

The Gilbert Academy Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm on May 10, 2018. The meeting was held in the Literacy Lab at Gilbert Academy.

Members Present

Stacy Testo
Bonnie Toth Rocio Franco
Tim Williams Matthew Malley
Arlene Martin M. Carmen Grajeda-Moeller

Members Absent

Approval of the Minutes

Approve: Arlene
Second: Bonnie

Public Comment

None

Old Business

- Ms. Moeller let the SOT members know that due to the teachers winning their arbitration, we must make adjustments to the budget. The cost for the teacher raises and health insurance comes to approximately \$60,000. It is calculated at \$133.22 per student. There is always a chance that it could be less, but Dr. Rayford and Ms. Moeller met and she was directed to prepare for the worse. Due to this new budget issue, the district has re-opened the Title I and Strategic budgets.
- \$60,424.54 needs to be cut to balance the budget due to licensed collective bargaining impact. Ms. Moeller mentioned we have \$80,000 in the Strategic budget. Pg. 7 shows the budget cut, pg. 13 is the Title budget. We have \$86,435 in the Title budget. We have two options:
Option 1 – use Title money
Option 2 – use Strategic budget
It was also mentioned that we need to be aware that we are going to need general supplies, quite a bit of money needed.
- Ms. Moeller also mentioned that the new principal will be introduced on Monday at our 8:05am staff meeting.
- The team looked at both budgets. The strategic balance is \$110,239, but we must remember that we have already allotted money for the website and piano from this total. If we also take the budget cut of \$60,423.74 from here we will be left with \$34,515.26 in the strategic budget.
- Title balance \$86,435. From Title the SOT had agreed to pay for:
Instructional Asst. \$29,795
Nat Geo Reach for Reading \$8,000

AimsWeb \$2,209

FOSS \$2,300 (We can now pay for this from Title funds)

59% of a teacher \$47,101

That leaves us with \$2,030 which Ms. Arlene stated we could purchase paper and/or toner which we always need.

- Ms. Moeller discusses that the situation is not a fun one but that we have two options based on the money in the budgets. She also discussed this with Dr. Rayford, but it is up to the SOT.
Option 1 – Which is outlined above for spending the Strategic Budget and the Title budget we would keep everything we wanted except we would have to cut the CTT position.
OR
Option 2 – We use the Strategic budget to pay for the budget cut, piano, website, Nat Geo Reading, AimsWeb, and Foss which would leave \$22,006.26 left to run the school. Then we use the Title budget to pay for the Instructional Assistant, CTT, and 59% of a teacher.
- Ms. Moeller mentioned that she and Dr. Rayford discussed for a long time back and forth and she recommends we focus on our Tier I instruction. All of our positions were filled during surplus, unfortunately we did not get to hire, but without leadership in place it has been hard.
- The SOT team discussed the costs between piano \$13,200 and a CTT \$14,300. We were made aware that piano is like a CTT on the budget line and it may be possible to cut out hours if we still need money next time. The team agreed that the school cannot run on \$22,000, it is going to be difficult with just \$34,000. Therefore, the team decided to go with Option 1. This was a very hard decision.

New Business

- Ms. Arlene brought positive news when she told the team she was able to get math consumables for K-5. She got them for free just from responding to an email. We are not sure how many we have, but it is a great start.
- Rocio and Bonnie informed the team of two possible fundraisers they are planning. First, a Welcome Back to School concert hopefully the second or third week of school. PTA will have to meet with the new admin. Ms. Moeller mentioned that scheduling of the master calendar usually happens the last half day of school. Secondly, a FUN Run is scheduled in January. They are working with a company who will show them how to run this event. The first year we are a 50/50 split, but the following year they are hoping to do it themselves and get all of the profit.
- Ms. Moeller asked Rocio if she could get volunteers for the first week of school to help walk the first graders to the flag pole. At least Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are needed they would need to arrive by 3:00pm.
- There will not be a SOT meeting next week.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.