

Meeting Date: March 5, 2026

Meeting Location: Library

Members present	Brianna Zittlosen, Emily McDuffie, Kristin Kamell, Robin Reddix, Jessica Harris, Robin Bizub
Members absent	Alexis McVicker, Jennifer Ferrell
Constituency group represented	Certified, Administration, Classified

**I.** Called to order at 2:19 p.m. by Kristin Kamell

**II.** Approval of Minutes for December 4, 2025

DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to approve as written by Zittlosen, seconded by McDuffie, all in favor
CONCLUSIONS	Unanimous
ACTION ITEM CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED	

**III.** Call to the audience

DISCUSSION NOTES	No audience comments
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	

**IV.** Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Budget Review/Tax Credit Reports
DISCUSSION	<p>Fine Arts \$6198          OMA \$2,701          Sports General \$1363          Field Trips \$3525          After School Program \$2150          Undesignated \$23314          Funds have been approved for Ms. Mac to do a club for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter; she also got some Donors Choose funds to support.</p>

<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
None	
<b>REPORTS TO REVIEW</b>	Principal's Report
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Our general budget is doing well with the override. We are maintaining our counselors and support staff. The Title budget was given to use with a range; the high range would allow us to keep the staff funded plus some PD opportunities. If we receive the lower end of the budget, things will be tighter, but a recent grant will cover our TA costs. Steele is expanding to include additional tuition-based CCP and CCI classes for out-of-district students, including those attending via scholarships. This will support revenue for TUSD and support enrollment numbers for Steele. With these additional classes, we receive two FTE teachers and two TAs in each room. The school will also benefit from a full-time behavioral specialist and a half-time RBT, both of whom will be available to provide school-wide support. The current belief is that this program will start out small and grow. The district is assisting with this weekend's job fair to help us meet our additional staffing needs.</p> <p>Funding from the override allows us to staff two 1.0 FTE positions: a PE teacher and a permanent OMA Fine Arts teacher. The Fine Arts teacher has already been hired and will serve as the teacher of record for 6th grade while handling other electives. She will be on-site soon to meet the team.</p> <p>While we have no firm commitments for art or dance yet, we are exploring the possibility of an after-school choir club. Music in grades K–6 is confirmed, and we are currently discussing the model for next year's instrumental music program, which may include band.</p> <p>With our new FTEs secured, we will soon begin drafting schedules and forming a master scheduling committee. To accommodate these changes, we are planning several classroom transitions, including the addition of a dedicated sensory room. We are currently requesting a departmental budget to ensure these spaces are outfitted with appropriate materials. Furthermore, we've hired a new counselor for next year; while much of her recent experience is at the secondary level, she has an elementary background, and we will provide the necessary support during 'specials' to ensure a smooth transition.</p> <p>We are currently interviewing for our Exceptional Education (ExEd) resource positions as part of a robust hiring season. At this weekend's job fair, we will be recruiting a new second-grade FTE, a fourth-grade teacher, one or two ExEd resource teachers, and a TA. As we enter the fourth quarter, we've noted an increase in disciplinary incidents during February; consequently, we are meeting this Tuesday to develop a comprehensive support plan for our students and classrooms.</p>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

**V. Action Items**

ITEM TITLE	Kinder Field Trip
DISCUSSION NOTES	8 adult chaperones \$12 for a total of \$96 Motion to approve paying for the adult chaperones for the zoo
RESOLUTION	MOTION PASSED
ITEM TITLE	i-Ready Toolkit
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to table by Harris, seconded by McDuffie
RESOLUTION	DISMISSED
ITEM TITLE	Testing Snacks
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to dismiss by Harris, seconded by McDuffie
RESOLUTION	DISMISSED
ITEM TITLE	Vacuum for Custodian
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to table by Harris, seconded by McDuffie, all in favor
RESOLUTION	TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
ITEM TITLE	Family Engagement
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to table by McDuffie, Seconded by Reddix
RESOLUTION	TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING
ITEM TITLE	UFLI
DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion to table by Harris, Bizub seconded, all in favor
RESOLUTION	TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

**VI.** Discussion Items

- a. We need to start dismissing items instead of tabling
  - i. Need to talk about some of the items more in depth with the staff

**VII.** Submission of items for the next agenda.

- a. Field Trip Busses
- b. Field Trip Activity Fee
- c. School Outdoor Equipment
- d. After school clubs
- e. Scholastic News

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm by Kristin Kamell