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Chair- Danielle Dunfee

Meeting Minutes

- **4:23pm Meeting Called to Order by Chair Danielle Dunfee**
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - November 2025
 - First: Raihanna Ali**
 - Second: Ms. Matias**
- **District Budget Freeze**
 - Due to district funding losses and broader budget challenges, the Superintendent has implemented a strict districtwide budget freeze.
 - It was emphasized that no changes should impact student safety and security.
 - The SAF discussed potential impacts to student support services and raised the following questions:
 - Does our school currently have a shortage of school psychologists or social workers? **DBMS has a school psychologist 2 days per week and a full-time social worker.**
 - Are there delays in 504 Plan or IEP evaluations and renewals? **No**
 - Additional clarification shared during discussion:
 - School psychologists are not required for 504 Plans.
 - Annual 504 reviews are not legally mandated.
- **Safety & Security – PA System Concerns**
 - Raised ongoing concerns regarding inadequate PA speaker coverage in hallways, stairwells, and other transitional spaces.
 - This concern was described as a long-standing safety and security issue, impacting effective communication during emergency preparation and potential emergencies.
 - During our discussion, it was acknowledged that:
 - There are currently **no PA speakers outside of classroom spaces** at our school.
 - Students transition between multiple buildings throughout the day.
 - There is no PA speaker coverage in hallways or in the gymnasium.
 - As a result, students in transition or in non-classroom areas may not hear emergency announcements.
 - **North Area advised that:**
 - **The issue should be escalated through the Facilities Task Force.**
 - **The concern should also be communicated directly to the District’s Chief of Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness.**
 - **While district leadership is aware of PA system deficiencies at some schools and has begun assessments, continued advocacy is necessary to ensure prioritization.**
- **4:44pm Meeting Called to Adjourn**
- **First: Ms. Matis**
- **Second: Ms. Ali**