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### **SDMC Meeting Minutes** **August 31, 2016**

**Members Present:** Brandi Lira (Principal), Zazalleesha Swanson (Teacher), David McMurchy (Teacher), Ricardo Mena (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Celia Velazquez (Parent), Mrs. Patrisia Saldana (Parent), Brenda Morales (Non-instructional staff), Richard Galian (Teacher), Yulber Beronque (Teacher), Mary Dickerson (business partner) and Luis Garcia (Parent).

**Call to Order:** 3:45 pm.

Minutes Read: Reading of the Minutes from April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 meeting. Mr. McMurchy motions to approve minutes as read, Dr. Beronque seconds the motion, motion passes, and minutes are approved.

#### **Agenda Item: Review and Approval of SIP**

Mrs. Lira introduces the current school improvement plan for review and vote. She summarizes the needs of the school: the need to increase performance on the English STAAR exam by increasing the number of students performing at level III.

Discussion is offered and participants agree that students need more help with writing than reading comprehension.

A goal for 87% of Algebra I testers to attain level III performance on the STAAR EOC is discussed and the committee agrees that this is a feasible goal, but should also be approved by Mrs. Casio, the math department chair, to confirm.

Post-Secondary readiness standards are discussed. Mrs. Lira explains to the committee that there has been a decrease in the amount of scholarship money being offered to Eastwood students. Committee members propose that counselors should track the percentage of students applying to scholarships and possibly offer incentives to students based on the dollar amount of offers earned and/or number of offer letters turned in. Another committee member suggests that we have an academic signing day to celebrate the awards and college acceptances/decisions.

Dr. Beronque makes a motion to approve the SIP as written and Mr. McMurchy seconds the motion.

#### **Agenda Information Item: Budget update**

Mrs. Lira gave an update concerning the budget shortfall and the need to eliminate one assistant principal position to alleviate the deficit. Other areas to maintain fiduciary integrity were offered. Mrs. Lira further explained that there may be additional budgetary cuts the following year due to the recapture program. (No action needed)

Participants offered fundraising suggestions that will be discussed at a later date or with a separate audience.

**Agenda Information Item: Coffee with the Principal**

Monthly “Coffee with the Principal” meetings will be used to address all topics of concern to parents. Additionally there will be “Discussions with the Dean” in the afternoon on the same dates to focus on parent audiences who cannot attend the morning session. (No action needed)

**Calendar Announcements:**

Community walkthroughs will be September 14<sup>th</sup> all day. Open House is Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 8pm open visitation parents go where they want. There will be two areas for meeting one in English and one in Spanish. College Fair over 50 colleges and universities will be present October. 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm

**New Business:**

No new items were presented to the committee.

Mr. McMurchy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Garcia seconds the motion.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:46 pm