

## **Briargrove Elementary Shared Decision-Making Committee Minutes**

### **Introduction of all members:**

- Kelly Chaskin, Greg Coker, Shirin Farahani, Jose Estrada, Celina Diaz, Emily Feinstein, Kayci Wetherspoon, Mary Clare Ward, Jennifer Dollinger, Julie Economides, Amanda Fisher, Deanna Harrington, Ryan Buck, Elizabeth Clampitt

### **District/Personnel Updates:**

- District has sent us two new teachers to relieve class sizes
  - Kindergarten – Blocker
  - Fourth Grade – Zymlinski
- Mrs. Berlin has moved from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade pod upstairs to the science lab downstairs. It was a code violation for her second graders to be upstairs. Ms. Wetherspoon has moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade pod.
- Shelby Rushing – Degreed hourly lecturer. Shelby works with students in all grade levels who are struggling readers. She uses Next Step in Guided Reading as a resource to plan her lessons. She meets with about 3 groups per grade level each week.

### **Co-chair/Secretary Elections:**

- Co-chair – Kelly Chaskin
- Secretary – Emily Feinstein

### **2017 Accountability Summary:**

- We did not earn any distinctions for last school year
- School accountability system will change this year. More information to come later from Texas Education Agency.

### **School Improvement Plan 2017 – 2018:**

- SDMC will usually approve the School Improvement plan before it is turned in, but this year was a little different because of timing and Harvey.
- Look over the improvement plan...it is a living document and things can be changed if needed.

### **Budget Allocation:**

- SDMC members have been invited back Monday November 6 to further discuss budget allocation.
- Parents what to know that the money is being spent well and that it is to support teachers this school year
- Teachers suggestion:
  - More macs on campus
  - Updated technology

### **New Programs on Campus:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Empowering Writers* – teachers went to a two-day training and came back very excited and inspired. This is the first time at least the past four years that fourth grade has had a writing curriculum to use. Parents and teachers hope to be able to get at least third grade teachers to a training this school year.

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – *Stem Scopes* - takes students through the 5E model of a lesson plan. Really engaging activities that will support student learning and understanding. It is a great way to differentiate for students.
  - PTO will replenish materials needed for next school year.
  - PTO will need an estimate of the cost for the materials by the end of the school year.
- New programs will help bring science and writing scores up

**MISC.:**

- Parents discussed feeder system for hiring teachers. Is there a way to connect with a college in Houston that will assign student teachers to our campus and then those student teachers could become teachers on our campus?

**Adjournment**

**Next Meetings:**

- Monday November 6, 2017 at 3:30– *How to allocate resources*
- December 7, 2017 – SDMC