

**Bush Excellence Committee – BEC**  
**SDMC**  
**November 21, 2013**

1. Welcome

- ❖ Ms. Rose reminded the committee that according to the new SDMC rules, we no longer have to have monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be in January 23, 2014.

2. Budget

- State of the School
  - Enrollment – 767
  - Capped in K, 1, 2, & 3
- ❖ The enrollment at this time of the year ebbs and flows. Bush has several families that have bought houses and moved to Katy. Typically in January, we enroll quite a few new students.

3. Instruction

- Math and Science Textbooks State Adoption
- ❖ Teachers are currently perusing 2 of the possible publishers of the Math and Science Textbooks that are available on campus.
- New Math TEKS in K-2 and advancing every year
- ❖ Robin Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> grade math teacher, recently went to an in-service on the new Math TEKS and trained K-2 teachers.

4. Staff Development

- December 12 – Vertical Planning
  - Consistently Rigorous Work at Bush
- ❖ Ms. Dow, Ms. Strange, and Ms. Butera will be presenting what they learned at the National GT Convention at the 12/12 Vertical Planning session.

5. Other School Concerns

- Display case/Bulletin Board to display students' outside school activities
- ❖ The SDMC agreed that teachers acknowledge students' outside school activities in the classroom through a variety of activities such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade timeline projects and felt that that was sufficient. The SDMC decided not to move forward with the project.
- Starfall.com extended option
- ❖ Martha Cuellar presented the SDMC with a proposal regarding a reading program from the company Learning A-Z. The committee discussed the program and decided that Allyson Peyton would talk to the Prekindergarten through first grade teachers about doing a free trial of the program for 14 days to determine whether the program was valuable. After the trial period, the PK – 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers along with Allyson Peyton will discuss the program and report back to the SDMC at the next meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Based on the recommendations of the teachers, the SDMC would then move forward with decisions regarding a start date and whether or not Learning A-Z would possibly replace the AR system for the lower grade students.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 23 at 3:10 in the library

- President's Award for Educational Excellence
- ❖ The committee agreed that this award was not necessary due to recognition students receive for academic excellence through Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll.
- Mrs. Bush Visit – Late January – Early February
  - Date
  - ❖ Possible dates to consider in order of preference: February 7<sup>th</sup>, then 6<sup>th</sup>, then 5<sup>th</sup>. If February does not work, then consider January 31<sup>st</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Event Type
  - ❖ 2 sessions
    - PK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Special Education
    - 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ❖ Each session will sing a song to Mrs. Bush. Song to be composed by Kelly Strange, Cindy Tiet, and Mary Hacopian.
  - ❖ Mrs. Bush will read a book to each group followed by a question/answer session.
  - ❖ Chorus will perform during transition from one session to the next.
  - Theme
  - ❖ February lends itself to a Valentine's theme of hearts. Students will wear red stickers that say I love (picture of a heart) books. My favorite book is.... (write in the name of a book).
  - ❖ Students will wear a white or navy shirt so the red heart stands out.
  - ❖ Decorate MPR with hearts.

Start: 3:12 pm      End: 4:04 pm

In attendance:  
 Theresa Rose  
 Cindy Tiet  
 Allyson Peyton  
 Kelly Strange  
 Valerie McMaster  
 Dorothy Baldwin  
 Nancy Scott  
 Melissa Gonzalez  
 Martha Cuellar  
 Marcia Mills

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