

Bush Excellence Committee – BEC
SDMC
January 20, 2016

1. Welcome

2. **Budget**

- State of the School
 - Enrollment – 840 Enrollment has decreased
 - Capped in K, 1 ESL, 2, & 3

3. **Instruction**

- **Gradespeed** – “Teachers will input grades on Gradespeed on a regular basis.”
- Parents raised concerns in the PTO Board meeting. They are frustrated that they are unable to keep up with their child’s averages.
- We don’t want to wait until the end of the grading period to enter grades.
- The current policy statement “on a regular basis” is vague.
- The new policy will state - **“Teachers will input the original grade on Gradespeed no more than 3 weeks after the assignment due date.”**
- Motion carried – ALL IN FAVOR

4. **Staff Development**

- January 27 – Early Dismissal Day – 12:35 – 3:15
 - Rigorous Work at Bush – ELL focus – Teachers will complete TEA mandated online ELL training.

5. Other School Concerns

- Dress Code Guidelines – Cowboy boots –
 - Not part of the dress code.
 - The committee agreed to update dress guidelines to state “flat heels with rubber soles only”. The section for special comments will include the statement “no cowboy boots”
 - Motion carried – ALL IN FAVOR
- Birthday cupcakes – size and icing amount – cupcake frosting is very difficult to clean from tables, chairs, and floor.
- New policy – Effective Monday 2/15/2016 – Frosted cupcakes will not be allowed. Suggested treats are brownies, cookies or donuts.
- Notice will appear in Pawprints and signs will be displayed in the front office.
- Teachers will communicate the new policy via Newsletters.
- Motion carried – ALL IN FAVOR

Start: 3:15 End: 4:02

In attendance:

Theresa Rose
Rachel Larson
Glenda Platt

Barbara Dow
Carin Malmer
Nancy Scott

Valerie McMaster
Mary Hacopian
Maria Graf

Jennifer Bard
Kasaundra Hall
Jessica McKay

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 17 at 3:15 in the library