

Bush Excellence Committee – BEC
SDMC
October 21, 2015

1. Welcome
2. **Budget**
 - State of the School
 - Enrollment – 860 Represents a slight decrease from last meeting. Next week is snapshot.
 - Capped in K, 1st ESL, 2, 3, 4
3. **Instruction**
 - GT/Vanguard Organizational Structure
 - PK entering K testing Currently two testing cycles – February and May With STAAR testing being administered in May, PreK GT is taxing as it requires an extensive amount of Mrs. Tiet's time to administer and score the exams.
It was motioned, seconded and unanimous consent that there be only one Pre-K GT testing cycle (February) beginning with the 2016/2017 school year.
 - Class structure format – homogeneous vs. heterogeneous
Committee discussed the two formats for offering GT instruction. The District is reviewing the GT process as there is a concern as to how a student can be GT though elementary school and then determined ineligible going into middle school.
 - ✦ 35% of current Bush students are identified as GT
 - ✦ We currently offer the homogeneous GT setting. When there are not enough students to fill a GT classroom every attempt is made to include students identified as having the ability to perform at or above grade level based on test scores and grades.
 - ✦ Mrs. McMaster motioned that we maintain the current setting of homogenous grouping for the 2016/2017 school year. The motion was 2nd by Mrs. Ennis. The vote was unanimous.
 - Class Size Waivers - 14
 - Fox, Castaneda, Nguyen, Baldwin, Strange, Chapman, Carlin, Bard, Romo, Dillman, Hill, Conway, Wilson, McMaster
4. **Staff Development**
 - October 28 – Early Dismissal Day – 12:35 – 3:15
 - Rigorous Work at Bush – Reading and Math focus
 - ✦ Parent conferences will begin at 1:40 pm.
5. **Other School Concerns**
 - Dress Code – student hair (*Mohawks and other disruptive/extreme styles/colors*)
 - ✦ The committee unanimously agreed that the Student Dress Guidelines be updated as follows:
The section **Items Considered inappropriate for school:** will read
Items considered inappropriate for school and/or disruptive to the educational process:

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- ✦ Disruptions to the educational process will include **extreme** hair styles and extreme hair colors.
- Carpool lane and the Bus lane - A recommendation was made by a parent that BEC consider switching the bus lane and the carpool lanes.
Discussion:
 - ✦ It will be difficult for busses to make the turn in the current carpool lanes without hitting the curb.
 - ✦ Where would cars line up with the switch?
 - ✦ Lanes would intersect each
- Concern** – Students playing and/or sitting on tables in lunch time courtyard.
 - ✦ A note encouraging parental supervision was included in Pawprints
 - ✦ A handout will be given to parents when they arrive regarding courtyard expectations.
 - ✦ Parents will be expected to follow the picnic patio rules or not be allowed to use the area in the future.

Start: 3:18 End: 3:56

In attendance:

Theresa Rose
Rachel Larson
Jessica McKay

Rose Ennis
Carin Malmer
Cindy Tiet

Barbara Dow
Mary Hacopian
Jennifer Bard

Valerie McMaster
Kasaundra Hall
Glenda Platt

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