

**Bush Excellence Committee – BEC**  
**SDMC**  
**September 17, 2015**

1. Welcome Committee members introduced themselves: name, BEC function and BEC status
2. SDMC Training Theresa explained the function of the Shared Decision Making Committee known here as the Bush Excellence Committee
3. Elections
  - Recorder: Kasaundra Hall
  - Time Keeper: Barbara Dow
4. Budget
  - State of the School
    - ✖ Enrollment – 859 - This is an increase of about 30 students from this time last year.
    - ✖ Capped in K, 2, 3
      - Kindergarten classroom are at 22 students with 3 classes over 22
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade all have at least 22
      - 1<sup>st</sup> grade has one class over 22 and about 2 slots still available
5. Instruction
  - TEA School Rating/Accountability – Met Standard (there are only two ratings; you either met standards or did not meet standards)
    - ❖ Received 5/5 Distinctions
    - ❖ Distinctions Earned: Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA, Academic Achievement in Science, Top 25% Student Progress, Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps, Postsecondary Readiness
    - ❖ Earned all distinctions because PK – 5 attendance was at 97.8% - an increase over the previous years - this is up from 97.5% two years in a row.
      - This shows that the school rating is not just based on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades' STAAR performance
      - We will continue to encourage attendance
      - Letters will be sent home when students have chronic absenteeism
      - Teachers are asked to help encourage attendance by informing parents that students are missing out on valuable instruction when they aren't in school.
  - School Improvement Plan (SIP)
    - ❖ Goal 1 - Student performance/achievement on STAAR Reading will remain at or above 92% during the 2015 – 2016 school year. We were at 95% last year. This year's goal is set at 92% in consideration of the fact that we are now in phase 2 of the TEA passing standards with substantially higher passing standards.
    - ❖ Goal 2 – Student performance/achievement on STAAR Math will be at 85% or above during the 2015 – 2016 school year. There was no standard for math last year as it was the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the new math TEKS. 85% will be a stretch standard. Think Through Math was purchased for grades 3 – 5. Math teachers will have a TTM training next week. The training is being held at Bush as our school has the most usage of TTM throughout the district.
    - ❖ Goal 3 - Improve school climate by improving students' socials skills during the 2015 – 2016 school year. We will continue to use Project Class for social skills
    - ❖ Goal 4 - Continue with and increase student attendance from 97.8% to 98% during the 2015 – 2016 school year. We will continue activities to encourage attendance.
    - ❖ Goal 5 - Increase family and community engagement at events throughout the 2015 – 2016 school year. Teachers will participate in PTO fund raisers. Students are always excited to

see teachers on weekends. Knowing that their teacher will be there will encourage participation.

The question was asked “how can PTO get the community involved?”

Suggestion:

- ✦ Include notice of school activities/fund raisers in neighborhood newsletters
- ✦ Inform neighboring apartments complexes about events
- ✦ Inform Eagle’s Trace residents
- ✦ Spread the word that Bingo (October 3<sup>rd</sup>) is fun for the entire family
- Review
- Vote **Unanimous**
- SIP Signatures

#### 6. Staff Development

- September 22 – Early Dismissal Day – 12:35 – 3:15
  - TADS Student Performance Update **Mrs. Rose** – 90 minute update
  - Rigorous Work at Bush – **Reading and Math focus** –
    - ✦ Miss Peyton and 4 teachers will share a Daily 5 information from workshop in Ft. Worth this weekend.
    - ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades teachers will focus on science.
    - ✦ Specialists will work on finalizing the plan for the summer reading celebration.
    - ✦ The next early dismissal day (October 28<sup>th</sup>) will be parent conferences. The Pre-K team is planning to conduct parent training rather than individual parent conferences. This is a good idea for other grade levels or teams to consider in the future.

#### 7. Other School Concerns

- Parents’ Night Format - teachers and parents like the new format.
  - ✦ It was less congested which seemed to lead to more congeniality.
  - ✦ Easier for parents with students in multiple grades were able to attend multiple nights.
  - ✦ The grade level breakdown was effective 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> and then 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ✦ The committee agreed to continue to with separate parent nights next year
- Review and plan for August/September 2016

Start: 3:20 pm End: 4:05 pm

In attendance:

Theresa Rose	Rose Ennis	Barbara Dow	Valeria McMaster
Jennifer Bard	Rachel Larson	Carin Malmer	Mary Hacopian
Allyson Peyton	Kasaundra Hall	Glenda Platt	Nancy Scott
Herman De Leon	Maria Graf	Jessica McKay	Florencia Muradas

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 21 at 3:15 in the library