

Meeting called to order at 4:00. Members present: W. Hampton, Z. Cummings, R. Holliday, K. Mitchell, A. Mollet, J. Hawkins, B. Valentine, N. Luthy, A. Martinez, C. Lira, R. Myers

Ms. Hampton reviewed the School Improvement Plan with the committee. She highlighted page 5, which reviews our data. Specifically the gaps with our LEP population, the gender gap in science and social students along with the misaligned between our performance on STAAR and our failure rate. Also highlighted was one of our strengths which is attendance. Information from the Our Voice Survey was also discussed, particular the perception about respect.

Ms. Luthy asked about the trends in the data and Ms. Hampton explained. Mr. Cummings shared the difficulty and rigor of STAAR as compared to TAKS. Mr. Lira reinforced the depth and rigor of STAAR as compared to TAKS. Ms. Hampton reinforced that no longer can you just “teach” the test.

The Literacy Plan was also shared with the committee. Ms. Hampton called our attention to page 3 that reflects the work done through Rice University and our positioning statement. As we look at budgeting and programs, we will make sure that we are in aligned with our positioning statement. There are 3 positioning statements because we have 3 definitive groups of students. There are 7 sections to the plan. Page 4 identifies our needs and refers to the data that is also highlighted in the SIP. We are looking at consistency throughout the building in ways we teach reading/writing.

Page 10 of the SIP was brought to the attention of the committee. Our second goal is in the area of math. The strategies were outlined. Questions were asked about how we will measure and how it goes with the overall plan. Ms. Hampton highlighted the special education plan and the work that we are doing in general education classes as well as a more tailored program with Ms. Mollet. Ms. Luthy also suggested that we might be more transparent with our goals per area so that improvement can be seen year to year.

The goal is centered around Index 4 of state accountability which is college readiness and it serves 2 purposes. One is to meet the state requirement for college readiness, and it also helps us prepare for the final phase is passing standards for STAAR.

The goal related to “Safety, Public Support, Public Confidence” regards students perception about how respectful students are towards each other and towards adults. Ms. Luthy asked to review the Respect and questioned that if we thought the be someone’s hero and if keeping the No Place for Hate was enough to improve the perception. Ms. Mollet, Mr. Martinez and Ms. Holliday confirmed that the work we are doing is addressing this area. The consensus was that we are making a shift in the culture of the school. Teachers are on board to build relationships and be positive.

The next piece of the SIP are the components of a Title I school and those are the same throughout the district.

Mr. Martinez asked if the Rice Marketing goals were imbedded in the SIP. Ms. Hampton clarified that the goals are set, but that aren’t necessarily highlighted in the SIP.

After discussion about the SIP and Literacy Plan, Ms. Hampton shared information regarding enrollment and the budget. For this year we our Vanguard enrollment in sixth grade is up 7.5%. To date, we have 1248 students enrolled at Hamilton. Last year at snapshot our enrollment was 1250. Ms. Hampton

projected and enrollment of 1270 and our budget is based off of that projection. If we do not meet the projected enrollment, we will lose money from the school budget at the final budget conference.

However, Ms. Hampton explained that in the preliminary budget process, she did not allocate the funds that the increased enrollment would bring. If we meet an enrollment of 1250, we will not have to trim any areas of the budget. The unallocated money will be what is returned to the district. Budget is based on enrollment based on snapshot date.

Ms. Hampton called for questions and concerns. Mr. Cummings asked if technology was included in the SIP. Ms. Hampton confirmed that it was in the literacy plan.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55PM