

Shearn's SDMC
November 10, 2015

- Minutes
- Attendance (Buck)
 - Review data
- Academics
 - Literacy (Hall & Luna)
 - Science (Iriondo)
 - Math (Whitten)
 - Dual Language (Garson)
- Field Trips- Any Field Trips submitted by 11/16, Mr. Buck will pay for the first bus.
- Half the teachers eat with their students and have recess for duty free lunch. The others have lunch at students lunch time and watch recess
- Title 1- Parental Involvement (Garson)
- Carnival
 - \$2,794.00
- Donation- Ideas (get in touch with PTO)
- Safety (Garson)
 - Dismissal
 - Cafeteria
- Testing (Buck)
- Finance (Buck)
 - Activity Funds
 - Budget will be based on 649- projected 666 so we have to give back about \$62,000.00
- Facility Concerns (Buck)
 - Concerns
- Fall Festival
- Lighthouse Team (Garson & Hall)
- Staffing (Buck)
 - Once academic Tutor Needed
 - Counselor Needed
- Professional Development (Buck)
 - Champs- another session coming up, who needs it?
 - Kagan in January
 - CPI (Falls)
 - Math Training- Would have been IR based upon last year's scores
 - Area 2 Math for K-2
 - Area 2 Math for 4-5
 - Vontoure for 3rd Grade
- Calendar
 - Any errors let us know right away. There are lots of changes the last few days
- Support and Volunteers
 - Mission Southwest
 - Willow Meadows
 - Houston Chinese Church
 - Head Start
 - Parents
 - Ms. Tasha Wilson- PTO Treasurer
 - Ms. Merissa Maclain- PTO President
- Other business

Minutes taken by Kathleen Garson

Members Present

Bill Buck- Principal
Katie Keafer- Teacher Specialist
Pablo Iriondo- Classroom Teacher
Sandra Pollock- Classroom Teacher
Kathleen Garson- Classroom Teacher
Tasha Wilson- PTO Treasurer
Merissa MacLaine- PTO President
Kathleen Garson- Teacher Specialist
Bob Chenoweth- Mission Southwest

Members Absent

Lisa Robinson- Professional Support
Tracey Hall- Classroom Teacher
Canthy Luna- Classroom Teacher

Attendance

- A mobile clinic is going to give all the students free flu shots- these students will need permission forms, but the parents do not need to be present. This will take place on November 30th. Ms. Walker said that the Texas Children's Mobile Clinic is trying to see if they can get the mist instead of the shots.
- We are right at 98% for attendance and our sick season has not begun. We need to make sure we are doing everything we can to get students to school.
- Pre-K and K are the ones that are well below 98%
- We have some outbreaks of lice and it is causing some kids to miss
- Headsets- each class has their own set of headsets- one set for each student
- More headsets have been ordered
- Make sure that there is notification to the parents

Literacy

- Ms. Luna and Ms. Hall were not present

Science

- We are on track with the district in terms of the percentage of students that passed Snapshot #2. Forty four percent of students passed.
- The percentage of students passing increased by a few percentage points from the last snapshot.
- We have a lot of kids very close to passing and will be digging into data to see the small groups that should be pulled

Dual Language

- Teachers attended the GLAD trainings or are attending the GLAD trainings this week
- The teachers that have been trained are bringing the strategies back to the classroom and implementing them immediately
- Teachers have noticed great results with the students and their comprehension in their second language
- Teachers are helping train the teachers who have not been trained

Field Trips

- If grade levels book their field trips before the end of this month, then Mr. Buck will pay for one of your buses.
- Field trips need to be educational and tied to what you are studying. Mr. Buck will not allow four grade levels to go to the zoo this year.

Parental Involvement: Title 1

- The PTO is Shearn's PAC
- We are planning our November meeting for Title 1
- Ms. Keafer said we will work on the compact
- Title 1 pays for salaries and pays for summer school
- We get approximately \$300 per student with Title 1
- Field trips and technology must be pre-approved by TEA if we are using Title 1 funds
- We cannot buy food with the funds
- The parent involvement policy included parents from different schools when Ms. MacLaine and Ms. Wilson attended the training
- There are a lot of policies in place with Title 1
- Parents are wondering if they can help and how
- Ms. Garson will forward HB5 to the SDMC
- Send some parents and teachers to the parent involvement summit

Idea on Teacher Lunch and Recess Duty

- Mr. Buck spoke with another administrator and was told about how they distribute lunch and recess duty on her campus
- Half of the teachers would eat their lunch with kids
- Half of the teachers would watch students at recess with assistance from TAs
- All teachers would still have their 30 minute duty-free lunch
- One of the issues with this proposal is that everything is staggered and the coverage of all students and teachers would be difficult to schedule
- Mr. Buck will reach out to obtain the school's lunch and recess duty coverage to see if it would be applicable at Shearn

Carnival

- Last year we made more money on the carnival. This year we still did well, we raised \$2,794 even with the rainy weather.

Donation

- The Shearn Elementary donor wants his mother and wife to come and tour the school
- We will have a meeting with the donor and his family and the PTO will be invited
- The donor is willing to donate up to \$100,000, but it is difficult for those funds to go directly to the school
- It would be easier if PTO became a 501C3 and the donor could give the money directly to the PTO
- Ms. Wilson brought up that we could set up a foundation in his name

Safety

- We need to work on dismissal for car riders
- All teachers in the cafeteria need to be walking around praising students that are quiet during dismissal
- We need to have a specific system for when Groupme doesn't work
- Park side still has some kinks to work out
- Stella Link is going well
- Ms. Keafer will speak about Dismissal during the Faculty meeting 11/11/15

CoGat

- Mr. Buck is going to see if we can get an LPAC approved to change language of testing for students

- Some English speakers' home language surveys say that they are Spanish speakers, but they are more dominant in English
- We want to make sure that students are tested in their dominant language
- Mr. Buck will be reaching out to the testing center to discuss this matter

Budget

- Shearn has 649 students rather than the district's projection of 666
- The money that we received for the students in the budget will be returned to the district
- We will be tight on subs because there has been a lot of training this year

Facility Concerns

- We hope we will be able to move into the T-Buildings Thursday or Friday
- Ms. Keafer has volunteers coming on Saturday
- The volunteers are college students coming from the YMCA
- Mrs. MacLaine asked if we might need assistance from parents and Ms. Keafer said she would let her know
- This will allow teachers to be able to work in their rooms because ancillary will not be in their classrooms during planning time

Lighthouse Team

- Ms. Garson and Mr. Buck attended a Leader in Me coaching day at Longfellow and got some great ideas
- We will be working on ordering a sign to post to track attendance and tardies
- Teachers will be creating their personal Wildly Important Goals at the faculty meeting on 11/11/15
- Parents would like more updates on how to implement in household
- Bring in newsletters for Leader in Me and send out to parents
- Parents said that it might be better if the grade level newsletter included the habit of the week
- Parents would like to have meetings related to lighthouse

Staffing

- We are looking for a counselor and an academic tutor

Professional Development

- Deadline of Friday to sign up for Kagan
- Math Training

Calendars

- If it is not on the calendar or there is an error let Mr. Buck know

Mission Southwest

- We had a successful recruiting of mentors
- Four signed up to be mentor tutors
- Sent an email about where they wanted to volunteer

Head Start

- Head Start is down by one student and they are hoping not to cut any teachers

PTO

- Mrs. MacLaine announced that they have 25 paid members
- Going to try to sell Shearn gear and give away popcorn
- PTO asked if they could sell the popcorn, but they cannot until 30 minutes after the school day ends
- The PTO is working to plan spirit nights at local businesses to support Shearn
- The next PTO meeting will be this Thursday