

SHEARN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dual Language and Leader in Me Campus



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**Shearn Elementary School
Shared Decision Making Committee
Minutes & Agenda
October 16, 2017
4:00pm-5:30pm**

SDMC Date	10.16.17	
Introductions 4:00-4:10pm	Name of SDMC Member	Position
	Vanessa Williams	Classroom Teacher
	Khan Mohammed	Classroom Teacher
	Maria Rodriguez	Classroom Teacher
	Nelson Nava	Classroom Teacher
	Sara Rodriguez	School-based Staff
	Marisela Aparicio	School-based Staff
	Gloria Morales	Non-Instructional Staff
	Dave Agerton	Business Member
	Anahir Nada	Community Member
	Robert Rivera	Community Member
	Fran Steele	Community Member
	Shaun McCowen	Community Member
	Orlando Valencia	Parent
	Luci Bell	Parent
	Mayra Romero	Principal
Principal Share: 4:10-4:30pm	<p>Principal share the new staff members and their assignments.</p> <p>Dismissal plan was reviewed and teacher and community input was shared. It was stated that more cones were needed on Lemac to ensure that cars do not block drive-ways or stop in the middle of the road. It was discussed upper grade teachers will tag back-packs to help with sibling transition. Teachers agreed to talk to their teams to share the info.</p> <p>Reasoning Minds will be used in the Math Lab for grades 1-5th grade. Caring Friends donated 6,000 for 1-2nd grade and 3-5 was paid by Race to the Top. Reasoning Minds is a tool used to supplement math instruction. Training will be available to teachers for implementation.</p> <p>Dual Language in 3rd grade is new and students will be tested in their stronger language. Students will test in both</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Year – What’s new at Shearn - Dismissal System - Sanford Harmony - Reasoning Minds - New Teachers - DL in the 3rd Grade - Girls Inc. - Teacher Mentor Program - Kindergarten Reading Program - Gardening in Science - YMCA After-School Day Care - Library Renovation – Status - Caring Friends Donation 		

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Teacher Share Out

4:30-4:45pm

What's going well? Support needed?

- Rodriguez (Kinder)
- Mohammed (1st Grade)
- Williams (3rd Grade)
- Nava (4th Grade)
- S. Rodriguez (Lab Teacher)

Let's Partner on:

4:45-5:10pm

- Attendance Goal of 98% - Program to reach out goal
- Parent Lunch Schedule
- Student Celebrations
- Teacher Celebration Days
- Fall Festival
- Community Walk
- Establishing a Mission/Vision for Shearn
- Shearn Garden
- Parent Survey

languages and the dominate language will be used to test in. Mrs. Aguilar is supporting the grade level.

Girls Inc. – New to Shearn and is focusing on empowering young girls to be bold, smart, and caring. The program is a series of workshops for 5th grade girls. They meet Tuesdays in the Science Lab. Shearn is looking to expand the program to 4th grade.

Ms. Williams shared that the Mentor Program is off to a great start. New teachers meet with their mentors to discuss academics and first year challenges and successes. Ms. Williams is the coordinator and teachers can come to her at any time for a question or support.

Mrs. Fowler (CIS) is leading the Kindergarten reading mentor program. Students are matched with a volunteer and spend their ancillary time reading and partaking in literacy activities. Sessions range from 30-45 minutes. Mrs. Fowler prepares the reading activities and the meet up is in the cafeteria.

YMCA After-School Program – is off to a great start – students are using the playground, Math Lab, and the cafeteria to do homework and get to have fun with games and free-play after school. The program is reasonably priced and scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Library Renovation is on hold due to Hurricane Harvey – HISD contractors are currently unavailable to continue project. An update will be given in the spring time.

Caring Friends has adopted Shearn and has supported the Math academics by donating for the purchase of Reasoning Minds software.

Teacher Share-Out

Teacher shared out about progress so far this year. Teachers are working with students on routines and procedures and ensuring Sanford Harmony lesson are being conducted to support our students with social skills. Teachers expressed concerns about arrival, dismissal, breakfast service, and ancillary. Concerns were noted and will be address by the staff meeting.

Attendance goal is 98% and teachers agreed to monitor classroom attendance. If a student is out for more than 2 days they will call home and let Mrs. Aparicio know.

Parents concerns about lunch days have been voiced. Lunch days for parents will remain to ensure there is enough space for all students in the cafeteria. Parents who come on their dedicated day will enjoy lunch in the courtyard with their child.

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	<p>Student Celebrations will be planned for A/B Honor Roll. Fall Festival is set for Saturday, Nov 11 – PTO will be leading the project with teacher volunteer help.</p> <p>Community Walk will take place on Saturday – October 21 – to support attendance. Teachers and volunteers will visit families who have students who have missed 3 or more days. The group will talk to parents about the importance of attendance and what happens when kids miss days from school.</p> <p>Did not get to discussing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing a Mission/Vision for Shearn• Shearn Garden• Parent Survey <p>Items will be added to next agenda.</p>
<p>Open the Floor 5:10-5:20pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sharing feedback or important items that need to be discussed.	
<p>Closing Remarks 5:20pm-5:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review next steps• Thank you	