

SDMC Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2015

Members present: Albert and Karen Carrion, Parents
 Christino Gonzalez, Teacher's Assistant
 Lori Hayes, Kindergarten Teacher
 Amanda Walls, Grade 4 Teacher
 Aida Manning, Counselor
 Luis Saenz, Dean of Instruction
 Kevin Smith, Assistant Principal

Administrator present: Juan M. Gonzalez, Principal

Meeting called to order at 3:33 PM

Attendance

- Comparable to previous year
- Mondays tend to be a poor attendance day
- Year-to-date is 97.2%
- Accept input from stakeholders regarding incentives
- STAAR Release
 - Reading, Writing, and Science
 - No Math due to fact that TEKS have changed
 - Administer week prior to Spring Break
- Administrators to conference one-on-one with STAAR grade students

Safety and Security

- Students running in the hallways (particularly in the fifth grade pod)
- Teachers exiting the cafeteria the same way they entered causing traffic jams
- Teachers must ensure a safe and orderly dismissal

New Business

- Dual Language
 - 50/50; half English instruction/half Spanish instruction
 - Teachers must preview the lesson their partner will instruct
 - It is essential that teacher teams cooperate and collaborate well because they will be spending a lot of time together planning and instructing
 - Research shows improvement in test scores beginning in 1st grade
 - Culminating activity at the end of each unit
 - The Patterson program starts next year in Pre-K and K
 - Administrator and teachers travel to North Carolina for PD
 - More training forthcoming
 - Recruit for program during future Pre-K enrollment

- Projections
 - Current lowest enrollment are grades Pre-K and 5
 - Grade 4 currently has 152 students
 - Projecting 160 first graders for 2015-2016 academic year
 - Projecting increase of 35 to 40 for 2015-2016 academic year
 - Projected enrollment for the 2015-2016 academic year is 992 students
 - Houston ISD will now make projections in place of campus administrators

Concerns

- Trash continues to accumulate at the playground
 - Trashcans to be placed outdoors
 - Teacher must ensure that students pick up after themselves
- Emergency buttons may not be functioning properly in every classroom
- Employ staff member at Forest Oaks gate to radio student names ahead to coach
- Consider purchasing signs to remind parents that the use of mobile phones is prohibited in school zones
- Replace plastic speed bumps on Allendale Driveway with concrete
- Divide Allendale driveway into two lanes
- Coach needs to begin planning for Field and Water Days
 - Scheduled for third week in May

Minutes unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM