

**SDMC Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**3:15 p.m. – Microsoft Teams**

***(To be approved at the next SDMC meeting)***

The virtual SDMC meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM through the Microsoft Teams platform. The members are as follows:

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| Name of SDMC Member | Position (Term expires) |
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| Wendy Tilford-sdmc@riveroakspto.org | Business Member (2023) |
| Holly Shilstone- sdmc@riveroakspto.org | Community Member (2023) |
| Jana Bomersbach jbomers1@houstonisd.org | Kinder Classroom Teacher (2022) |
| Loghan Abila - loghan.abila@houstonisd.org | 1st Classroom Teacher (2023) |
| Nicole Heitke - nheike@houstonisd.org | 2nd Classroom Teacher (2023) |
| Jessica Hill- Jessica.hill@houstonisd.org | 3rd Classroom Teacher (2022) |
| Jessica Dyra- jessica.dyra@houstonisd.org | 4th Classroom Teacher (2023) |
| Debbie McLaughlin- deborah.mclaughlin@houstonisd.org | 5th Classroom Teacher (2023) |
| Nadine D’Souza- ndsouza@houstonisd.org | Non-Instructional Staff (2023) |
| Wei Mao – sdmc@riveroakspto.org | Parent (2023) Magnet |
| Anna Goldberg- sdmc@riveroakspto.org | Parent (2022) Magnet |
| Cynthia Walker - sdmc@riveroakspto.org | Parent (2023) Zoned |
| Mekiva Callahan- sdmc@riveroakspto.org | Parent (2022) Zoned |
| Keri Fovargue - kfovargu@houstonisd.org | School-Based Staff (Head of School) |
| Ashleigh Gay - ashleigh.gay@houstonisd.org | Special Education School-Based Staff (2023) |
| Joel Bomersbach - jbomersb@houstonisd.org | School-Based Staff (2023) |

Dr. Fovargue welcomed the committee and introductions were made. The committee welcomed our newest parent member, Ms. Wei Mao. Ms. Walker made a motion to approve the September minutes, and Ms. Hill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

First, Dr. Fovargue presented the requested data on how many students were Vanguard vs. Magnet for the 2021-2022 school year. This data was determined by reviewing every child’s address in the database. The findings showed 51% of students are Vanguard Magnet and 49% of students are zoned. This is consistent with the past 10 years of zoned vs. magnet enrollment.

Additionally, Dr. Fovargue gave a brief staffing update including the ESSER funded positions that are posted on the website. Although we have a counselor position available, there are no available candidates who meet the hiring criteria. Dr. Fovargue also stated that all counselors available are currently under contract, and the job posting states this is a 1,2-, or 3-year position only, which did not make the position appealing to most looking for stability. Another interventionist position is posted in the same manner, and the job calls for experience in tested grade levels. All teachers are currently under contract and unavailable. These are positions that Dr. Fovargue will market this spring prior to the school year starting, if they remain available with ESSER funds. Ms. Gay, Special Education TREK teacher, took a promotion at a BCBA clinic beginning in January 2022, so her position is now available. Dr. Fovargue has great candidates ready to apply for next year, and they are currently under contract. Ms. Ojore, Special Education Department Chair, will become the Teacher of Record for the 9 students in the meantime. Dr. Fovargue also stated that this would be a year where several teachers were eligible for retirement, so she anticipates an uptick in staff changes.

Next, Dr. Fovargue and Ms. McLaughlin (5th grade teacher) gave an instructional update on science such as:

* Nadia Bruner, Science Consultant, has coached Mr. Johnson and Dr. Fovargue on science TEKS and how they are posed in a standardized testing format on the Science STAAR. In turn, they shared this information with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade team leaders and 5th grade team.
* Ms. McLaughlin stated that 5th grade was now turning the STAAR science questions into science lab experiences and working with the students to transfer the hands-on knowledge to the state exam.
* Dr. Fovargue shared some information on the STAAR Redesign and how this would impact test questions in the future. In 2023, all tests will be conducted online per the state.

 All this work supports our science goal outlined in the School Improvement Plan. The updated academic goals were shared:

* Goal 1: ELAR The percentage of all students performing at or above grade level in reading as measured by the Masters Grade Level Standard on STAAR will increase 5 percentage points from 69% in spring 2019 to 74% in spring 2024.
* Goal 2: MATH The percentage of all students performing at or above grade level in math as measured by the Masters Grade Level Standard on STAAR will increase 5 percentage points from 67% in spring 2019 to 72% in spring 2024.
* Goal 3: SCHOOL PROGRESS The percentage of all students performing at or above grade level in science as measured by the Masters Grade Level Standard on STAAR will increase 5 percentage points from 37% in spring 2019 to 42% in spring 2024.
* Goal 4: CLOSING THE GAPS During the 2021-2022 school year, the percentage of all K-5th grade students (Special Education) reading at or above grade level will increase by 5% (BOY as a baseline) as measured by the EOY Ren360 Universal Screener.

Lastly, Dr. Fovargue stated that there was an increase in Covid cases after the Thanksgiving break, so we anticipate an impact in January. A question was asked about a Capital Outlay Committee at the district level, and Dr. Fovargue was not aware of any talk of a bond at this time. Dr. Fovargue did share about ROE’s local committee and how this committee could be a subset of the SDMC. The purpose of this committee is for those who are invested in the upkeep of the grounds and major improvement projects. The committee will present findings to the PTO Board in January at their monthly meeting. Dr. Fovargue accepted everyone who volunteered on this committee, and they meet as needed. Ms. Calderon asked about Professional Development in February, and Dr. Fovargue stated we would continue with our IB Self-Study and vertical alignment across all areas as needed.

After all topics were addressed, Ms. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Dyra seconded the motion. The committee unanimously agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.