

**Roberts Elementary
SDMC Minutes
January 23, 2020**

Attendees: L. Owens, J. Luera, C. Cornelius, D. Boston, T. Nelson, K. Wehrer, S. Huse, V. Engel, E. Zatzkin, K. Tran, T. Epps, J. Jo, K. Salas (See signature page)

Agenda:

- HISD Proposed Bond
- SPARK Park
- Parent Safety Meeting
- Safety drills
- Committee concerns/new business

HISD Proposed Bond

- Last board meeting, HISD proposed another bond for November 2020 for schools in need of safety updates. This would allow HISD to rebuild some elementary and middle schools. Roberts could be one of the schools being considered if that bond goes forward.
- One of the first steps to be part of a bond is that the district does an building evaluation. It is possible that Roberts would meet the threshold to get a new building. The Community has shared concerns about a new building, such as keeping the old school charm, making sure the building fits with the neighborhood, and concerns about stewardship.
- If the District could cover the Bond without a tax increase could be favorable for the community buy-in.
- A new building will allow students to learn in an environment that is suitable for the 21st century. Teachers will be asked to share how their current instruction is impacted due to building concerns. (HVAC, leaky sinks, mold, etc.)
- Jenny Beech is the parent representative from Roberts ES, but she did not speak at the last board meeting. Representatives from other schools spoke in favor of the bond. It is important to be on record of being supportive of the bond if we want to be considered for a rebuild.
- The community will need to be invested in having a new school.
- Ms. Epps will ask teachers to start documenting and providing testimonials.
- Ms. Epps will send dates to teachers for upcoming board meetings and for testimonials.

SPARK Park

- SPARK Park Guidelines state that dogs are not allowed but when the SPARK was redone, Roberts asked for an exception to the rule to make it open to everyone so they could walk their dog.
- Over the last two years, people have not been respectful of the grounds and are using the grounds as a dog park. There was dog poop in the mulch area over the Winter Break.
- Suggestions: post on Nextdoor, Facebook and other social media outlets that dogs must remain on a leash and owners must clean up after their dog. Post signs around park and around school, announcements to students, community flyer (if needed)
- If conditions do not improve, consider banning dogs completely.

Safety Meeting

Parent Safety Meeting

- PTO to host a night parent-only session about gun safety in the home.

Safety Drills

- Continue to talk/review the drills with the students.
- Review the procedures for the different types of drills on the cheat sheet.
- Intruder drill coming up; future drills cannot be announced.

Committee concerns/new business

- No new business from grade levels.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm