

ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SDMC MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2013

Meeting start time: 3:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Stephanie Walton, Joyce Ballard, Jennifer Heemer, Kendra Shattuck, Jennifer Thornton, Beverly Sones, Martha Servos, Wendy Waterman, Mary Estrada, Zach Lytton, Caroline Quenemoen, Courtney Tardy

1. The agenda was approved for today's meeting.
2. Minutes for the January 17, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. Enrollment projection for the 2013-2014 school year is around 750 students. Roberts will not have Pre-K, but will have six classes in grades K – 4 and 4 classes in grade 5. Approximately 30 families attended the open house on Saturday, February 16. "Why go anywhere else" tours have been well attended by zoned parents and pre-registration has begun for Kindergarten.
4. HISD will hold District Budget Process meetings for SDMC members to learn about the state funding shortfall. Roberts SDMC members are scheduled to attend on March 4 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Hattie Mae White building. Makeup sessions will be held at the same time on March 20 and March 21.
5. We are currently in the IB self-study phase in preparation for the IB visit in the fall. We have received approximately 140 responses to the IB parent survey and results so far are favorable.
6. Concern about the drop-off procedures in the morning and traffic on Swift Street were discussed. Cars have been observed driving on the wrong side of the street to enter the circle drive to avoid the line of traffic heading west on Swift. Traffic in the hallways at 8:00 was discussed. Caroline Quenemoen suggested placing cones in the street to manage morning traffic on Swift Street.
7. Caroline Quenemoen expressed concern about one multiplication strategy taught in Everyday Math. She mentioned that some students are struggling with complex multiplication problems in middle school because of their dependence on a less efficient strategy. Stephanie Walton advised that we have seen the same struggle and we have adjusted our math instruction in order to ensure that all students are ready for secondary math courses.

Request for Agenda items for next meeting.

Next SDMC meeting will be on March 21, 2013.

Meeting end time: 4:00