ROBERTS ELEMENTARY
SDMC MEETING
MINUTES

March 21, 2013

Meeting start time: 3:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Stephanie Walton, Joyce Ballard, Martha Servos, Kendra Shattuck, Jennifer Heemer, Wendy Waterman, Pam Anderson, Kathryn Berg, Mary Estrada, Jennifer Thornton, Courtney Tardy, Zach Lytton

1. The agenda was approved for today's meeting.
2. Minutes for the February 21, 2013 meeting were approved with the following corrections: revision of Everyday Math concern and addition of Courtney Tardy in attendance.
3. Mrs. Graves reviewed trends of responses to the parent survey. The survey was conducted as part of the IB self-study and 140 parents participated. The overall response indicated that parents love Roberts, but there is still some confusion about what IB entails. More parent education is needed, but more than 75% of respondents believe IB is well implemented at Roberts. Growth is still needed in Spanish language learning and mother tongue support.
4. Mrs. Graves reviewed budget progress. We have a projected enrollment of 720 for 2013-14 and have 97.5% attendance rate for this year. School funding is based on enrollment and average daily attendance along with special populations. The average teacher salary costs to schools are rising. We do not anticipate major cuts to our budget even though HISD is facing a budget shortfall of about $52,000,000.00. Federal funding to HISD is being cut due to loss of Title funds. We are not sure how our summer school program will be funded. About 85% of our school budget is spent on full time faculty. HISD has changed budget and accounting practices and all purchasing decisions must be made based on alignment of HISD and Roberts core position statements. Purchases should support reading, math and safety. We are currently reviewing the past 2 years of budget expenses to determine how we have been spending money and to help make future budget and purchasing decisions.

Request for Agenda items for next meeting.

Next SDMC meeting will be on April 18, 2013.

Meeting end time: 4:15