

ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SDMC MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2012

Meeting start time: 3:30 p.m.

Members in attendance: Rita Graves, Stephanie Walton, Courtney Tardy, Robin Audi, Wendy Waterman, Jennifer Thornton, Mary Estrada, Jennifer Heemer, Kendra Shattuck, Caroline Quenemoen, Zach Lytton, Pam Anderson

1. The agenda for today's meeting was approved.
2. The role of the SDMC was reviewed, along with requirements for October – June meetings. Public meetings already held this year at Curriculum Night for PK–2, 3-5.
3. Accountability results – Roberts is a TEA Exemplary rated campus. Mrs. Graves is happy with our STAAR results with 96%-98% passing Reading and Math using the equivalent cut score being used for federal AYP. Roberts' average raw scores were much higher than HISD average.
4. SIP update – Roberts met goals for 2011-12 and new goals are set for 2012-13. Goals were reviewed and accepted by PTO and SDMC. Goals reviewed with community at Curriculum Night for PK-2 and 3-5.
5. UH Partnership – Roberts has been a partner with UH for many years, including observations and mentorships for pre-service teachers here on campus. UH is restructuring their pre-service teacher program. The benefits include establishing relationships with pre-service teachers, giving us some choice in who we pick and recruiting new teachers. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of Roberts' participation. The SDMC supports continued partnership with UH.
6. Homework Holiday – Focus on Family in December. The group discussed various pros and cons of the break for teachers and families. A topic or family math problem would be sent home daily and homework load reduced from December 10 – 21, two weeks before the holiday break. Recommendations for great family books would be welcomed. Plans needed by grade level.
7. Gazebo/Gaga ball pit. The gazebo is not structurally sound and needs to be removed or repaired. The committee discussed options and supported removing the gazebo, and using existing site for new gaga ball pit. Roberts received a donation for a Gaga ball pit which should cover much of the cost. The PTO leadership will solicit bids from HISD approved contractors.

Request for Agenda items for next meeting. None at this time.

Meeting end time: 4:20 p.m.