

**Ruby L. Thompson Elementary  
Virtual SDMC Meeting Minutes  
Cycle III Meeting**

**Ms. Daniels began the meeting at 10:00am and adjourned it 10:55am**

**Welcome:**

Ms. Daniels welcomed and thanked all members for their participation on the SDMC committee.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Daniels explained to the committee that the old business that was discussed in the last SDMC meeting has not been executed yet; and is still open for implementation. She advised everyone to continue to collaborate and share their ideas. She stated that, "We want to end this school year, where we want to begin the new school year." Ms. Daniels explained that the ideas pertaining to improving the campus culture and student academic achievement remains relevant. Ms. Gray informed the committee that she and Ms. Rojas, are coordinating an end of the year gathering for the staff. They will be presenting their event logistics to the leadership team.

**COVID-19 Updates:**

Ms. Daniels informed the committee that there is not any significant changes to the COVID -19 campus status or procedures. Nurse Rodgers continues to inform staff of monthly COVID-19 testing on-site and off-site. She will continue the temperature checks at front entrance for everyone and the Griggs entrance each morning for students. Mrs. Manuel also continues to include updates on the campus and HISD guidelines regarding COVID-19 in her weekly newsletter. Teachers and staff will continue using the Check In To Work app daily. Ms. Daniels informed the committee that we have PPE on campus and teachers can request it as needed to ensure safety practices continue.

**End of the Year Events:**

Ms. Daniels informed the committee that Mrs. Manuel will assist teachers with the coordination of the Kindergarten and 5th grade promotion programs. She explained the options of having a program on the blacktop for parents to come out or having a drive-thru event. The committee voted on having another drive thru event for Kinder and 5th grade. Ms. Daniels stated that she will assist grades 1st – 4th with coordinating a virtual Awards Day program in the multipurpose room.

**Attendance Updates:**

Ms. Lee informed the committee that there is not any major attendance updates, however, as a campus we need to continue to ensure that all students are coming to school and logging in virtually. We need to continue to strive for 100% attendance each day.

**Summer School:**

Ms. Taylor provided the committee with the summer school dates and informed them that more information and training is forthcoming.

**Dress Code Updates:**

Ms. Daniels explained to the committee how unsafe Crocs shoes are for students and adults. More and more students are starting to wear them to school, and they do not provide proper support for walking, running, or playing. Ms. Lee mentioned that she has witnessed the Crocs shoes stick to the floor causing students to fall. The committee voted on banning Crocs for both students and staff for the 2021-2022 school year. The student and staff handbooks will be updated accordingly.

**PTO Membership Fees**

Ms. Daniels informed the committee that there was a suggestion to increase the PTO fees, which is currently \$10 annually. The suggested increase was \$25. Prior to voting, Ms. Taylor mentioned that the fees on the new PTO flyer was \$25, therefore, there was no need to vote.

**Additional Comments/Concerns:**

Ms. Daniels opened the floor for additional comments or concerns. No one had any additional concerns; however, Ms. Daniels mentioned the importance of students drinking water during the day. Ms. Porter suggested having a competition on getting water donations to the campus so that bottled water is readily available. The committee discussed several ideas regarding this concern and will continue to work on implementing a campus-wide initiative for water consumption.