SDMC Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2018

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Danitra Arredondo at 3:15 p.m.

II. Roll call

The following members were in attendance: Danitra Arredondo, Cynthia Mendez, Cheryl Egan, Josie Sanchez, Nidia Hernandez, Kevin McCain, Veronica Lopez and Pastor Brandon Washington

III. Review of Data from 2017-18/Vote on goals for 2018-19

Members were presented with data from the previous year. It was suggested that we continue to build the culture of the school by getting parents and students involved. The counselor and parent liaison would play a vital role in building the culture.

The members reviewed the goals for the 2018-19 school year. Petersen Elementary received a "B" from TEA. The goal for 2018-19 is to achieve a status of an "A". The members in attendance voted and approved the goal that Petersen would work towards the "A" status for the new year. Ms. Mendez was charged with the responsibility to explain the goals to the parents.

IV. Campus Wide Attendance

- a) In 2017-18 our daily attendance was 95.9%
- b) The goal for 2018-19 is 98%

The members in attendance looked at ways to increase the attendance. The members made the following suggestions in hopes of building the attendance rate:

- attendance dance, free dress day, popcorn party, sundaes, McDonalds, Attendance Talk by district officer.
- It was suggested that the district send out truancy letters
- Pastor Brandon Washington talked to the committee about using McDonalds as an incentive for our students. He will spearhead the event. It was suggested that we give the students something small weekly such as a free cone or soft drink with a much larger event monthly where all students with excellent attendance would receive happy meals. We are aiming for a kickoff date of October for McDonalds.

V. Parent University

Our first Parent University will take place district wide on Thursday, September 27, 2108 from 4-6 p.m. Grade levels were given a country to represent. In honor of Hispanic Heritage month grade levels would put on a small program or have hands-on-activities for parents and students to participate in. Parents would be given a passport which they would get stamped as they move around the cafeteria learning about different countries. Students in attendance would receive books from Ms. Lovse and a backpack with supplies from the Administrative team.

The next time the event takes place it would be administered through each feeder pattern. The district would serve dinner and offer child care.

VI. Red Ribbon Week

. Red Ribbon Week would take place the week of October 23-31

It was suggested by Ms. Mendez that students only be allowed to participate in the parade on October 31 if they have a book.

. Wednesday, October 24 - Anti Bullying Day – Orange Out

It was suggested that we purchase or have donated orange ribbons to tie around the trees. We could sell food or beverages that are orange as a fundraiser. Ms. Mendez proposed putting colorful cups in the fence to signify Anti Bullying. Ms. Mendez would help to organize the event with her parent volunteers. Ms. Mendez and her parent volunteers would pass out flyers to get the word out.

VII. United Way/Children's Museum Nights

• The United Way would like to host a night where students can visit the museum for free. One event would be held in the Fall (November) and one in the Spring (April).

• We looked at other events to get parent participation such as Chuck E Cheese night or movie night.

VIII. Action steps/New Business

. The entire campus has been adopted to receive gifts from Adopt an Angel

• They have started working on the Spark Park. Students helped by painting murals. When it is completed there will be a track, soccer goals, new playground equipment, and drainage system.

. Think about pumpkin decorating contest for classes that want to participate

• Ms. Mendez proposed that volunteers be required to assist the school for 10 hrs. before they are allowed to go on field trips.

IX. Adjourn

• Mrs. Arrendondo thanked all the members for their attendance and support of Petersen Elementary. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.