

Edgar Allan Poe Elementary
SDMC Meeting Agenda
October 28, 2021

SDMC members present were Jeff Amerson, Marilena Marroquin, Jennifer Perry, Andrea Crump, Julia LaVergne, Tyler Truax, Kayla Reardon, Jamie Hayden, Bianca Alvarez, Jennifer Meadows

1. Old Business

- a. The final version of the SIP goals and strategies was shared with the members and parents. Teachers and parents read over them and asked questions. Teachers on the committee worked to find time to fit the new strategies into their schedules.

2. New Business

- a. Maintenance concerns- PTO members asked the status of ongoing maintenance concerns. They urged teachers to submit any a/c concerns and other maintenance to Mr. A.J., plant operator, and Mr. Amerson so the issues and work orders can be tracked. They also mentioned they would like to see Poe on the next bond list for a new building or repairs that are substantial.
- b. Community and parent volunteers- parents and teachers asked about parent volunteers returning to the building. Mr. Amerson explained that parents in the building are still being kept to a minimum (just those with appointments to meet with teachers) but said he is encouraged that by Spring things will be close to normal.
- c. Teacher stress and fatigue- teachers and Mr. Amerson discussed the ongoing 20 months of COVID and how the stress is wearing on everyone. The main issues mentioned were:
 - i. All of the due dates- teachers stated so many deadlines are due at the same time. This week alone there were several.
 - ii. Assessment requirements- teachers stated they feel they don't have time to teach with all of the beginning of the year assessments, benchmark running records, progress monitoring, etc.
 - iii. Student behavior- the entire committee discussed the affect being at home and out of normalcy has affected student behavior. Students have forgotten how to behave at school. Parent J. Meadows stated one thing she remembers when they started in Kindergarten was how the children are acculturated to "The Poe Way." The children are just out of practice of being in school. The committee discussed several ideas to help (more SEL time, getting the new teachers trained in Sanford Harmony. One teacher mentioned that parents are emailing concerned about behaviors of other children affecting their children's learning. Mr. Amerson suggested creating a social media club to let the parent community see the great teaching that is going on during this time to help parents see teaching is still happening as the school works to re-acclurate the students to The Poe Way.