Public SDMC Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019

I. New Business

This public meeting is to share testing data from 2018-2019 and discuss the school rating.

Mr. Amerson presented the school data and explained the school's "B" rating and the steps to increase and become an "A" school.

II. Input forms

1. I have noticed that there are parents and caregivers who bring their dogs with them to drop-off and pick-up. I am an animal lover, but I am concerned. If a child should accidentally step on a paw or a tail, a dog will react unpredictably.

To my alarm, I know that one of the dogs who regularly shows up on campus, has snapped at me and has tried to bite me. This happened off-campus, but I'm wary of this dog and I don't think it should be brought near elementary-aged school children.

I've also heard that this particular dog has tried to bite two other adults. In addition, if a dog relives herself on the lawn, even if it is picked up immediately, a child may be exposed to fecal matter because she is playing on the grass. Roberts Elementary has a no-dog policy in place. I believe for safety and health reasons, our school should do the same.

Discussion: all agree with the concern and all also agree that it will be nearly impossible to enforce. Mr. Amerson will share concerns with the community and we will remind everyone to not bring their dogs. We don't know if it will work unless we try it.

2. Lunches- discussion of moving to one day per week for parents.

Discussion: This is a combination space and privacy issue. The committee agreed to one day/week for parents to come have lunch each Monday. The rest of the week, parents will not have lunch with their children so the children can socialize with peers and learn independence.