

Meeting Minutes from SDMC

April 19, 2017

Start time 3:04

Ms. Catoni moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Ms. Quevedo seconded the motion.

Mr. Wheat following agenda addressed school safety first:

The ant situation has improved a bit in the pre-k pod.

The playground slide is still cracked as it has not been replaced.

The committee is hoping the HISD will replace cracked slide, but PTO will get quotes.

The school clocks have been synced with the correct time.

Students had another “shelter in place” during STAAR reading test. This was not a practice drill and was required by the district.

Mr. Wheat says we will have a fire drill before the month’s end.

Ms. Catoni asked what time the SPARK park opens to the public.—4:00pm

Ms. Garvin asked about arrival procedure possibly needing to be “re-visited” in light of the classroom shooting by an adult gaining access to a public school. Question: Should parents be allowed in the morning to walk their kids to the “hug zones” without a pass from front desk? This will be the topic addressed in the May SDMC meeting.

Mr. Wheat moved to the next topic of expo and exhibition. Time has been built into the students’ days to complete their projects.

Intervention with students who did not pass either the math or reading or both has started.

Retest for 5th graders will be May 8th and 9th, along with the 3rd/4th grade STAAR math and reading.

Ms. Gribble asked about how parents would be informed about student pass/fail status. Mr. Wheat said students had been told by the teachers and that TEA “scores” with explanations and official letter were pending.

Mr. Wheat said that students who do not need intervention were attending a “reading camp” where more customized learning was taking place.

Ms. LeMaster says she really likes the “prescription packages” for math STAAR practice. She has found resources she considers effective.

Ms. Gribble highlighted the upcoming silent auction at Table 57. Teachers need to rsvp.

We will have a total of 5 early dismissals next year as outlined on the district’s calendar.

4th grade has an eligible candidate to replace Ms. Kussmaul who will be moving to fifth grade.

Enrichment/Planning schedules will be re-visited in May. Most teachers are happy with current enrichment schedule.

Mr. Wheat will meet with the enrichment team during their planning to discuss tweaks to the current schedule for next year.

Ms. English asked about a cafeteria reflection form to be filled out by students and signed by teacher on duty so parents and teachers have a clearer understanding of the behavior and expectations in the cafeteria. All agreed this was a great idea.

Ms. Garvin said that we would need at least 2 people on duty in the cafeteria in order for this to work.

The need for a partition between cafeteria and multipurpose room was brought up again. PTO will look into getting another bid.

Teacher appreciation week will be the week before STAAR.

Meeting ended at 4:08.