

Minutes for SDMC meeting 1/15/2017

Meeting start time 2:23 pm in school library

Mr. Wheat asked Ms. Lynch to record the minutes for today's meeting.

Members read the minutes from previous meeting. Ms. Quevedo moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Afifi seconded the motion.

Mr. Wheat began the meeting addressing school safety, following the agenda. The following points were addressed by the committee members:

Ms. Catoni brought up the issue of adults walking in building after school during tutorials.

Ms. Catoni has also seen After3 students walking the hallways unsupervised.

Ms. English said that there is a large crack in the green pod at the columns and ceiling, possibly signaling foundation issues.

Ms. Thomason said the building inspector was on campus 1/24/2017 and walked through classrooms.

Mr. Wheat said monthly fire drills will continue and the January fire drill is forthcoming.

Mr. Wheat brought up students' and adults' post-election fears.

Ms. Thomason asked why the American flag was lowered. Mr. Wheat thought the recent wind storm had caused the flag to lower on the pole.

Mr. Bill Hutz said that the trellis to Jett's garden will be redesigned and rebuilt. Right now the entrance to the garden is not there.

Ms. Lynch asked why the need for the portable a/c units in library. Mr. Wheat explained that the recent cold snap broke a pipe and that repairs to the pipe are underway.

Mr. Wheat moved from school safety and maintenance to benchmark testing for 4th and 5th graders.

The schedule has been changed to accommodate a larger block of time for students in grades 4 and 5 to complete their benchmarks in preparation for the pending STAAR tests.

Tutorials have begun and many teachers are coming before school and staying after school to tutor students.

The 6 structured Saturday tutorials will begin in February and students will be offered free donuts and pizza if they attend. Several teachers have indicated that they will help with these Saturday tutorials from 8-12.

HEB representative, Meagan Williams, believes that she can procure books to give to classroom teachers.

Mr. Wheat indicated that the school would be happy to receive as many book donations as possible from HEB.

Ms. Catoni asked if HEB might be able to donate food/snacks for her after school students in tutorials.

Ms. Williams announced that HEB is looking for volunteers to sell grocery bags filled with donations for five dollars to complete the “souperbowl” of caring mission.

Mr. Wheat said that he would send a “LivingTree” message to parents and wanted to make sure he spelled “souperbowl” correctly before he sent out the message.

Our PTO president, Noemi Ramirez, said there was a large turn-out to the dance despite the rain. She estimates that the school made about \$600 from the dance.

The enrichment team hosted a movie party after early dismissal and raised \$346 dollars for the PTO.

Fund-run plans are underway. Mr. Wheat commented that the fund-run last year brought in “a lot” of money.

The drainage reservoir needs to be aerated. Mr. Wheat said HISD needs to do this.

Mr. Bill Hutz from the St. George community said that security has increased around the neighborhood to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

He also indicated that TIRZ has been expanded to Hillcroft to encourage economic development. He also mentioned that the temporary fence needed to be removed from the Mandarin school after building improvements have stopped.

Mr. Wheat left the library at 3:03 and Ms. English began taking notes about strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.