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Cage Elementary and Project Chrysalis MS
Shared Decision Making Committee
Wednesday, February 22, 2017

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The Shared Decision Making Committee for Cage Elementary and Project Chrysalis Middle School met on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The members of the Shared Decision Making Committee that were present were Dr. Covarrubia, Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Sifuentes, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Martinez, Mr. Stott, Mr. Reyna Ms. Villanueva, Mr. Gallardo, Ms. Melliza, Ms. Kubos, Ms. Peterson and Mr. De La Rosa.

Recapture:

Dr. Covarrubia informed the committee that the HISD School Board has recently voted to put the issue of the Recapture back to the voters. The election is set for May. Dr. Covarrubia asked the SDMC members to assist in informing the community of the importance of the vote and the impact that this will have on school budgets.

Summer School:

Dr. Covarrubia shared initial information on summer school. He told the committee that teachers will have training on May 30th (4 hour day). Students will begin summer school on May 31st and their last day will be on June 22nd. The schedule is not completely set and Dr. Covarrubia stated that attendance could be Monday-Thursday and possibly Friday if additional hours are needed. Additional information will be shared with the committee as information is released from the District.

School Calendar:

The 2017-2018 school calendar was shared with the committee. Dr. Covarrubia shared that we now have the entire week of Thanksgiving as a holiday. He also shared that Winter Break is later this coming year and that there is no teacher preparation day in January. He also mentioned that early dismissal days are scheduled for Fridays. He mentioned that he didn't want to have massive amounts of Leave Early Requests on those early dismissal days as those days are set aside for parent/teacher conferences, professional development and other required tasks.

STAAR:

Dr. Covarrubia clarified that students still have 4 hours to complete the STAAR exam. There had been many questions to the 2 hour limit. He gave everyone part of a T.E.A. memo that stated the following, "this does not mean that students will only have 2 hours to complete the assessment. Students will have 4 hours to complete the assessments or the same allotted time they were given previously."

Dr. Covarrubia clarified that two years ago the State required documentation of the amount of time each student took to complete the Staar exam. From that information, it was concluded that about 85% of students were capable of completing the exam within a two hour period. However, there was no directive given that students should only have two hours to complete the exam.

A-F System:

Dr. Covarrubia shared a powerpoint that was shared with him at the principal's meeting in regards to the A-F system. He mentioned that he was concerned about the attendance portion of the evaluation system as students with excessive absences would now be considered chronic and would hurt the overall school evaluation. He had previously shared an attendance report with the names of students who had excessive absences so that teacher could monitor their attendance.