

# Mark Twain Elementary School

## SDMC Minutes

September 22, 2022

Present: Michele Rawson, Victoria Sanchez, Emily Morgan, Shelley Rota, Erin Salisbury, Jessica Cisneros-Ferguson, Ginny Kerlin, Heather Lopez, Lauren Little, Amy Ashmore, Christine Cowan, Melene Thomas-Henry, Erin Diaz, Danielle Aschmann

Next meeting: Date, time, Location

### **I. Announcements**

- First meeting of the year.
- Four meetings required per year to give feedback
- IB Visit
- Opportunities for inquiry
  - Getting Personal with Inquiry Learning, by Kath Murdoch

### **II. Enrollment**

- Enrollment is at 898
- Classroom numbers over 22+
- Resubmit for possible cap due to the capacity of what the campus was built for; safety concerns in areas such as restrooms and playground.

### **III. School Improvement Plan**

- STAAR Scores 94/100
- Distinction opportunities; compared with other schools with ESL, At-Risk, Number of students in Texas.
- Utilize IB in all areas
- Increase inquiry in classrooms
  - Enrichment opportunities
- New HISD adoption
  - Eureka Math: Twain is a Phase 1 campus
- STAAR Test online previous year
  - 56% Mastered
  - Goal 63% Mastered
  - Assessment window grades 3 – 5 STAAR practice in November
  - OnTrack platform: trainings for assessment
- House bill HB4545
  - Provide extra support for K-5
  - Utilize the Librarian, as well as hourly support

- Counselor to provide support in reading for social and emotional learning
- Kindness Counsel
  - SEL teacher

**IV. Attendance**

- Discussed possible solutions to improve attendance
- Attendance taken at 9 am. Students considered absent after attendance is taken
  - Attendance was discussed in the New Parent Orientation
- Attendance supports funding for the school

**V. Extended Day**

- Shout out to Jessica Cisneros-Ferguson.
  - Friday treats to encourage behavior
  - Track behavior with pink slips to parents
- Support staff
  - Student workers from Lamar HS
  - Possible openings for students on the waitlist

**VI. Upcoming events**

- New student clubs
  - Coding Club, Student Leadership, NTB, Science
- Tutorials
- School Choice Open Enrollment
  - Begins in December
  - School Tours for incoming Kindergarten
- Visitors for Lunch
  - Beginning in October
  - Discussed possible solutions to coordinate visitors to have lunch with their child.
  - Volunteer support in the cafeteria

**VII. Late Pick Up**

- Discussed solutions to reduce late pick up after dismissal

**VIII. Playground**

- Discussed upcoming project for an addition to the kindergarten playground
  - Musical chimes
- Discussed possible solutions to improve playground equipment safety
- Spark Park of the Month: Mark Twain Elementary

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM

