

Mark Twain Elementary School

SDMC Minutes

May 25, 2023

Present: Michele Rawson, Victoria Sanchez, Melene Thomas-Henry, Danielle Aschmann, Erin Salisbury, Amber Blossom, Krystal Carter, Jo Vamvakias, Heather Lopez, Lauren Little, Emily Morgan, Ginny Kerlin, Jessica Cisneros-Ferguson, Lorena Meling, Shelly Rota, Diana Arnone, Jody Bourque, Diana Nathan, Sara Stanley, Erin Diaz

Next meeting: TBD

I. Safety

- Incident involving parents
 - HISD Police were called
 - Dismissal assistance was provided by HISD Police
 - Morning safety provided by HISD Police
 - A notification to parents will be sent out

II. Budget

- Projected enrollment is 870 students
 - Current enrollment 910 students
- Incoming Kindergarten enrollment
 - 40 School Choice transfers
 - Zoned Incoming Kindergarten is at a low
- District Trainings
 - Meeting the needs of all students
 - Educator code of conduct
 - Diversity and Bias

III. Uniforms

- Student Handbook
 - Dress code enforced
 - Student safety
 - Appropriate attire

IV. WITS Partnership

- Writers in the Schools
 - 2nd and 3rd grade
 - One hour a week
 - Organized by WITS Teacher

- Classroom teacher and WITS teacher work together
- IB incorporated into WITS

V. Extended Day

- New hires
 - Lamar students
- Suggestions for late student pick-up
 - Set warnings before CPS is called
 - Set a specific location for late parents
 - Raptor System student sign out as Late Pick UP

VI. Arrival Changes

- Morning Drop Off
 - Cafeteria drop off at 7:10
 - All Kindergarten enter through cafeteria
 - Front Doors open at 7:20
 - Safety Patrol enter through cafeteria
 - Set best arrival for ESCE students

VII. Staff

- Structured Learning Classroom Alternate Curriculum
 - Inclusion self-contained class
 - Grades 1 – 5
 - High level of structure and support
- One Kindergarten position closed
- Two new Special Education positions
- District position for Dyslexia
- Intervention
 - Nancy Leishman
 - Colleen Jones
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade Intervention
 - Hourly staff for intervention support
- House Bill hours – federal mandate
- Counselor will return

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

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