SDMC - September 26, 2018

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

3:18 PM

Attendance was called to order, members present are Magallan - 1st, Dougherty - K, Garcia-5th, Chavez-4th, Howard-3rd, Chavez-Neihouse-Ancillary, Mulkins-2nd, Torres-Sp. Ed, and Ms. Castro, principal.

* Ms. Castro asks the committee how old conference rooms chairs should be distributed to teachers in classroom, so SDMC is going to make a recommendation i.e. seniority, team lead, etc.

Dismissal System is addressed

Concerns:

* Parents changing last minute the way their children go home, Ms. Magallan's message about a parent who switched their child from car riders to walkers, etc.
* Connection room asking to send kids who are car riders to connection room, do they send them?
* Ms. Castro asks for the teachers to address dismissal during Open House and reiterate to parents to follow procedures for safety reasons.
* Give extra car tag numbers for parents who ask when they come to Open House
* and also remind parents to make sure they have a car tag number to enter car riders line.
* Specific concerns were addressed, parents walking with tag number while they kids are waiting as car riders. Ms. Garcia asks what should be done on this situation, should they send them to office? RESPONSE Ms. Castro, do not give students to them because they are jumping the line, parents can't come walking with tag number to pick up children, send them to walkers room. It is for safety reasons.
* Ms. Castro will send a letter to parents about observing/following dismissal guidelines and to try not make those last minute changes unless it is an emergency. Everything is done thinking on children's safety/security.
* Parents parking on double line on street side and walking to get their kids,
* Who has number 494? It is a new student and looks that two people has the same number
* Give parents a 2nd or 3rd car tag number if they need more, either at Open House or send it with student.

Another point about dismissal is car loaders

* Only 1 or two people is needed to monitor students or watching the line and more people is needed on the outside loading line
* Rotation of loaders on outside line
* Canino side ends around 3:06, Van Ness is going better after adding 2nd and 3rd grade at the same time,
* Ms. Dougherty asks, should we wait on Van Ness side to help until dismissal ends? Response: Yes, stay to help 2nd and 3rd, Canino side has enough people helping
* Have a backup person in key positions when somebody is absent, that person can cover,
* Busses are picking up students earlier than last year,
* Ms. Garcia asks the time that parents are late to pick up students.Response: Ms. Castro, we are trying to figure the time we end dismissal and it is around 3:06, when the caller person says, "this is the last number" is the cue to take students to cafeteria
* Students' late pick up: parents have to sign out their kids and wait one by one, so numbers are getting smaller

Grade level concerns:

* 5th grade from Mr. Dimas, ask if soccer field can be leveled. He will level it if he can get soil, there is a hole close to the fence on Fonville side, looks like a pipe missing the cover. It is important to inform admin about those kind of things so they can get fixed. Ms. Castro answers Ms. Argueta will place a PO order

Dismissal end time was addressed already

* 4th grade asks a date for Reading Through the Night, answer is November 9 for 3-5 grades

Fall Festival is being moved to Friday, November 2 because of rentals.

Orange and black could be October 31

* Attendance: Ms. Castro asks suggestions from SDMC in how to improve attendance. One of the trends we found at Moreno is the 1st early dismissal we have 20 absences, we shouldn't have double digits absences in a single day. Students will need to earn events such as Fall Festival, after school dance, etc.

Teachers need to support attendance by encouraging students to come to school so they can earn to do things at school and having an attendance plan in place.

Ms. Garza is going to identify classes in each grade level with more absences so they came up with a class plan.

Ms. Garcia, 5th grade classes are having high number of absences this year and most of the times is due to new students to Moreno.

We will have incentives for grade levels i. e. for Kindergarten ice cream outside

3rd grade: more headphones in yellow computer lab and replace the broken ones. Ms. Howard emailed Ms. Torres about this, they will be replaced soon,

2nd grade: want to confirm recess time and days

Recess days and time was checked for each grade level so they do not overlap.

Ms. Chavez asks about lunch in the cafeteria on early dismissal days, it will be rotated so every grade level has opportunity to have lunch in the cafeteria. 1st early dismissal K and 4th grades had lunch in cafeteria.

Do not take students to recess on early dismissal days

Ms. Howard asks if interventionist can be relocated to a bigger room so they can send more than only 1 or 2 students. Ms. Castro will look into it and asks the committee for ideas in how to spread specialists or any other suggestions

1st Grade: Ms. Magallan asks if they can create HISD HelpDesk tickets to request reimage of desktops that has not been reimaged, the answer is yes

Ms. Castro asks how is working the schedule with laptops cart, it is as follows:

Ms. Galvan - Monday, Mr. Barboza - Tuesday, Ms. Coleman - Wednesday, Thursday - Ms. Quirino, and Friday - Ms. Ojeda and Ms. Chavez,

MyOn contest

Moreno is not in the 10 top in the district but it is in the 5 top in the North Area.

Ms. Castro asks teachers to promote MyOn with parents and students, a flier will be sent home.

Ms. Garcia will send directions to share in how to login from home

Currently our reading time on MyOn is 18,000 minutes

5th grade teachers are pushing MyOn as part of their reading log, at the end of each MyOn book there is an AR quiz

TAs will make copies of directions so teachers can give to parents or send home

Ms. Dougherty asks if Ms. Manzano can do MyOn with kinder students,

Ms. Castro says it is important that students read MyOn books at home, not only at school

Ms. Garcia asks how students can access AR quizzes after reading a MyOn book

Prizes will be given on March 2019, right now is a trophy for the winners

Ms. Garcia asks if a contest by grade level or school level can be made. Response great suggestion.

Kindergarten:

Asks about iStation and Dreambox for kindergarten, the students tried to use it but no classes. Ms. Torres answers that students and classes are being added to iStation depending of the computer lab day assigned so teachers have ready login cards for their students. Dreambox is ready since beginning of school year but classes do not have teachers name

Specialists:

Coaches doing a great job in art class. Maybe they could work with Mr. De La Torriente for Day of the Death celebration

Possible pumpkin contest, SDMC to give ideas

Special Education: no issues

Boy Scouts

Ms. Torres asks feedback to improve the process for next session

Sessions will be every 2nd and 4th grade of each month

Location: it will be outside if it is not wet

Ms. Dougherty, it was a problem at dismissal time, no space for K car riders

It was suggested that Boy Scouts use the gym and the group of girls who will have PE are going to Art class for that day

School Improvement Plan was approved.

Ms. Castro addresses Urban Harvest and AAI

AAI is in the process of scheduling 1st grade and school is working on this to have all classes scheduled at Moreno