



KGES SDMC MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Time: 4:20 pm – 5:20 pm

Facilitator: Mr. M. Collins, Principal

SDMC Member attendance:

Marques Collins, Principal

Tameka Hornby, Assistant Principal

Alberta Cotton, Teacher

Kenneth Williams, Business Partner

Yolanda Dailey, Special Ed Teacher

Altoya Robertson, Teacher

Tisie Brown, Teacher

Nishea Early, Parent

Briana Sandel, Parent

Huey Wilson German, Community Member

Welcome & Member Introduction

Mr. Collins began the meeting at 4: 20pm. He welcomed the community and SDMC members and opened the floor for introductions. He informed the committee of our new parent, Ms. Briana Sandel who has volunteered to join the committee.

Mr. Collins provided several updates regarding upcoming campus events to include the Reading STAAR on tomorrow, April 17, 2024, Science STAAR on April 24th and Math STAAR on April 30th. He stated that we have other testing such as Dibels and Map. We have a lot going on at “The Gardens,” but we are prepared.

I. Campus Needs Assessment

Mr. Collins informed the committee that one of our campus needs is to increase enrollment. He opened the floor for suggestions from the committee. The committee suggested reaching out or marketing to extended families and new community housing developments.

II. High Quality Instruction

Mr. Collins informed the staff that the leadership team will continue with providing daily coaching and feedback as well as engaging in professional development.

III. Parent Engagement

Mr. Collins was excited to inform the committee on how successful the Pastry with Parents was. Parents enjoy being able to come to the school share moments and memories with their child. We also have a packed house during our awards ceremonies and school programs.

Mr. Collins also suggested providing opportunities for teachers to show/model how to complete the assignments to better assist their child at home. We can do that by utilizing our Thursday Demo Days. One Thursday out of the month can be designated as a Parent Learning or Parent Engagement Day.

A committee member mentioned creating a video that teachers can post on their ClassDojo modeling what is being taught in the class. It was also suggested to have TikTok Fridays that showcase skills that students are learning. The students and teachers can share their videos, and this can also lead to increase enrollment.

IV. Staffing Model

Due to budget cuts, Mr. Collins informed the committee that he was not able to keep all his current staff. Our enrollment is currently at 343 students but the budget for next school year was set at 300 students. 2024-2025 staffing model will include 4 teachers in Pre-Kindergarten, each PreK teacher will have their own Teacher Apprentice (TA); 2 Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers; three 3rd grade teachers and two 4th and 5th grade teachers.

Mr. Collins informed the staff that 3rd – 5th grade Math teachers will also teach Science on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and on Tuesday and Thursday, ELA teachers will teach Social Studies (Art of Thinking).

V. Closing Remarks

Mr. Collins informed the committee of our final IRT visit to take place between May 20-24. He explained that the IRT is a group of campus leaders from different areas. They visit the campus to observe random classrooms. We are then given a rating based on what they see in the classroom and have checked on the SPOT form.

VI. Community Member Updates

Ms. Huey informed the committee that they are working on coordinating a meeting at Cook Elementary regarding METRO BRT. The outcome of the meeting is to find out what the plan is and how it is going to impact the community. She will keep us updated on the meeting date. Mr. Williams included that the rail will be 26 miles coming from the Southwest, through University up Lockwood to Tidwell Transit Center. The project is in coordination with LBJ expansion. The expected completion date is May 2028.

Ms. Huey encouraged KGES to attend to understand how this will affect the feeder pattern and to give input on if the rail should be an underpass or overpass.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm