

Emerson Elementary
Shared Decision Making Committee

March 21, 2017

Welcome

- Call to order at 1:35
- Members in attendance

Checking protocol

- Committee Members check in

Purpose of the meeting: Discussion of: End of school year 2016-2017 cycle 4. Discussion and vote on Summer school. Preliminary planning and proposals for 17-18.

Approval of previous SDMC minutes

Formal introduction of the second quarter SDMC Agenda

- I. EOY schedule of activities. - cycle 4
- II. Summer school proposal.
- III. Preliminary Budget priorities 2017-2018
- IV. Proposed changes for 17-18 in programming and staffing.

Next Meeting date 2:45

The Meeting adjourned at May 5th

SDMC. 3/21 at 1:35pm

See sign in and Agenda

Teachers present: Shahed, Moore, Dominguez, Orteg

a, Jara, Johnson, Douglas, Rodriguez

1. Check In with grade levels
 - a. 1st grade
 - i. Concerned with Lucy Calkins- figure out how to keep using it and how to make it work for Emerson. Ex: anchor charts are not very kid friendly, adjusting based on what kids need
 - b. 5th grade
 - i. STAAR test—reviewing
 - ii. Behavior is improving a little bit, no major issues currently
 - c. 4th grade
 - i. Behavior is improving overall, no huge issues, moving students around has worked
 - ii. Preparing for end of year tests
 - d. 3rd grade
 - i. Arrangement of students has helped with differentiation- having a newcomer group
 1. Different materials, doing things on their level has allowed them to participate
 - ii. Behavior has improved—specific things between students and figuring out ways to solve issues between them, but nothing majors
 - e. Kinder
 - i. Behavior in DL is great, students are making a lot of progress
 - ii. Concerns with writing Lucy Calkins- great for native speakers, not great for ELLs, not enough structure, focused on creative writing not mechanics of writing. Trying to modify and make it work
 - f. 2nd grade
 - i. Having Romero in math has helped with behavior
 - ii. Behavior is still an issue—transition issues
 - iii. Reading, showing improvement, newcomers are showing growth
2. Why are kids doing better behavior wise?
 - a. 3rd: grouping, circle time, contacted parents quickly and frequently when small things occur
 - b. 4th: using conduct folders, phone calls contact parents, consistency across teams no difference one class to another
 - c. 5th: quick contact, know the students better as the year progresses, understand expectations better

- d. K: team cohesion has helped, similar consequences
 - e. 1st: individual issues are with students not whole groups, individualized communication with parents, classroom environment, how to respect their peers
3. Attendance issues, will impact our budget for next school year
4. How are academics?
- a. 5th: students are motivated to learn, one low group but are all improving
 - b. 3rd: some fluctuate with performance, for some students depends on the genre, reading level wise, motivation to read has grown
 - c. K: kids started strong and continue to grow, uribe has made a positive impact on fostering a love of reading
 - d. 4th grade: students are showing effort, steadily improving, working on improvement in math
 - e. 2nd: had to move students goals because students are growing so much, students are struggling in math
 - f. 1st: on track, most all students have passed HFW and are above their reading levels, tracking math data based on individual students
5. Cycle 4
- a. TELPAS, RR's, imagine learning, closing activities for TADS
 - b. Registration and pre-registration, PK April 3-7, then 7-10 (sibling), 17-21 (non-sibling)
 - c. Need to focus on zoned students until every student in the zone has been placed in a class (PK)
 - d. June 5-9 K pick-up application 12-16 (sib) 19-23 (Non)
 - e. Grades 1-5 June 5 (application) June 26 (all registration)
 - f. Student performance measure—will not be used this year for teachers
 - g. April 3 the transfer period will start
6. Summer school
- a. 5/31 to 6/30 7:45-3:15 Monday –Thursday proposed time
 - b. Johnson would prefer Monday – Thursday
 - c. All members vote yes
 - d. No enrichment program
7. GPCs will may 4 Kinder, 1st grade may 5 2nd may 10, 3rd and PK may 11, 4th may 12, 5th grade may 16th depending on results
- a. In the past we have waived attendance for students that are performing but who have excessive absences
 - b. Any ideas of what to do with excessive absences but are performing?
 - c. Peer tutoring for students that are not in their grade level
 - d. What will happen if they don't bring them?
 - e. Organize library?
 - f. Decision pending for last meeting of year

8. Budget 2016-2017

- a. Last year we projected 900 students we got 888
- b. 16-17 projecting 880, will get less money from start of school year
- c. 5th grade will probably have only 3 classes because of low numbers in 4th grade
- d. Is there any item you want to prioritize?
 - i. TEST PREP MATERIALS
 - 1. Motivation math books for every student
 - 2. Staar master math for every student
 - 3. Measuring up reading for every student
 - ii. Leveled library books for classroom libraries
 - iii. Lower leveled books for upper grade classroom libraries
 - iv. Science supplies resources ex: magnets weights balances

9. Proposed changes for next school year 2016-2017

- a. Reduction in hourly position in order to add full time interventionists
 - i. Cut 3 positions to adjust hourly positions to allocate the budget to at least 1 interventionist for reading to be a full time person
 - ii. VOTE: YES unanimous
- b. Leadership team member to become math interventionist
 - i. Feedback : Need one coach for lower grades and one for upper grades
 - ii. VOTE: YES unanimous

10. Waivers for changes in curriculum

- a. Requesting permission from SDMC to reach out to district, to request to be exempted to following scope and sequence in certain grade levels and subject areas
 - i. Lower grades exempted from scope and sequence in math and writing
- b. VOTE: YES

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