

1115 Noble Street Houston, TX 77009

Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting Quarter 4: June 1, 2023

Minutes

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. in the principal's office.

Mr. García thanked and welcomed everyone to the fourth SDMC meeting of the 2022-2023 school year. The meeting agenda was reviewed.

Introduction of Members. Mr. García introduced himself. Then, each member was asked to re-introduce themselves, including their position and how long they have been a member of the SDMC.

Review of Norms. The meeting norms were reviewed: Be on time. Be an active listener. Be engaged and actively participate. Keep your phone silent. Take care of your needs. Be supportive and collaborate. Members agreed to the norms. No additions/ deletions/modifications were made at this time.

Recent data growth in Math and Reading:

The preliminary data for Math and Reading was provided showing a significant increase in student performance over the last year. Mr. Garcia explained that the growth was due to individualized learning plans, targeted intervention strategies, and extensive instructional feedback with teachers. Mr. Garcia praised the teachers for their innovative and effective practices and encouraged them to continue focusing on student learning.

Expectations for the new school year:

Mr. Garcia outlined the expectations for the upcoming school year, including a continued emphasis on individualized learning, differentiated instruction, and academic growth for all students. Mr. Garcia also informed the team of the district's new initiatives and agreed that the school must align with theinitiatives and implement new methods to stay up-to-date with the latest trends.

Strategies for parent involvement:

The team discussed several strategies to involve parents in the school community. Ideas included:

- Welcoming emails/letters to families at the start of the year
- Parent-teacher conferences at the midway point and at the end of each grading cycle
- Monthly newsletters updating parents on school events, opportunities, and achievements
- Social media presence with regular updates and photos of school events

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- Inviting parents to volunteer for events and activities

Improving campus perception:

The team agreed that improving the campus perception is a critical priority for the upcoming year. To do this, they discussed several ideas, including getting support from former alumni, engaging the business community, and inviting community partners to the school for sponsorships and service events. Other ideas included beautifying the campus, yard sign campaigns, and recognizing students' achievements at the school.

Improving instruction:

Mr. Garcia discussed ways to improve instructional strategies to achieve better educational outcomes. The team agreed to explore the method of creating more engaging lessons, making instruction more accessible for diverse learning preferences, and increasing opportunities for peer-to-peer collaboration. The team also discussed incorporating technology tools in teaching math and reading subjects.

Adjournment:

The principal adjourned the meeting, thanking the attendees for their ideas and ongoing support.

Questions. Questions were answered as needed throughout the meeting. No additional questions were made.

Before closing the meeting, Mr. García reviewed the overall arching goals: overcome challenges, support one another, inspire and motivate, and put forth the best effort.

Mr. García thanked everyone for their time and participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.