**Ernest McGowen Elementary School**

SDMC Minutes

Date: 3/28/23

Time: 3:10 PM

The meeting began with Mr. Whitaker welcoming everyone. In attendance were Audrey Sanders-Smith, Cassandra Brown, Rhonda Guyton, and Ragan Morgan. Mr. Whitaker reviewed the current school budget, noting that Esser Funding would be sunsetting for the 23-24 school year. Ms. Brown asked about the possible usage of remaining funding to obtain materials needed for next school. Mr. Whitaker then reviewed the challenges with attendance and how that affects the budget. He also stated that the campus has seen improvement in recent daily attendance averaged attributed to communication with parents as well as motivational incentives rolled out for April and May. Mr. Whitaker then reviewed the campus calendar, noting key dates for STAAR testing as well as award ceremonies for the final week of school. He also discussed the latest updates regarding the TEA takeover of HISD noting that he was not informed of any imminent changes at the campus level but that the takeover was no longer being challenged by the current school board. Mr. Whitaker then spoke about campus safety and changes for the campus in lieu of the recent news regarding school shootings. Ms. Guyton informed Mr. Whitaker of several safety concerns such as the doormats located near exit doors that interfere with doors locking securely. Mr. Whitaker then reviewed current personnel changes and positions that need to be filled for the 23 -24 school year. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.