

SDMC Meeting 2
October 25, 2022

Attendees:

Name	Role
Eden Bass	Principal
Krystal Perkins	Assistant Principal
Ruth Robbins	Teacher
Melina Hebert	Teacher
Mary Oceana-Guy	Parent
Christine Soderstrom	Parent
Katia Mackintosh	Parent
Stefano Mazzoni	Community Member

Agenda & Minutes

Check-In & General Updates (4:20 - 4:30)

- **Attendance**
 - Last Year's Attendance Rate: 93.4%
 - Campus Attendance Rate: 95.2
 - Year-to-Date Estimated Funding Lost Due to Student Absences: \$29,731.44
 - **Next steps:**
 - Ongoing WRS Supports
 - Weekly attendance tracking
 - Individual parent notification with state's clarified attendance policy included
 - In the process of making a campus flow chart of increased intervention based on number of absences
- **Budget**
 - Estimated hourly pay expenses: \$156,000 - \$177,000
 - General Funds: \$98,033.19
 - Magnet: \$39,817.17
 - Bilingual: \$20,684.00
 - Title I: \$61,058.79
 - General Supplies & Instructional Materials
 - Special Education: \$16,665.80
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 - State Compensatory Education: \$8228.00

- Gifted & Talented: \$2138.00
- ESSER HB4545: \$36,470.05
 - Before & After school tutorials
- ESSER Innovation: \$6733.00
- ESSER Wraparound: \$17,629.00
 - Club Funding
- **Staffing**
 - All teacher vacancies have been filled.
 - One applicant is still going through HR processing.
 - EC: 2 full-time coteachers are on long-term leave
 - Currently paying for one additional full-time position to cover this.
 - EC coteachers will be working together to provide coverage for the other class. Coteacher lead has created a schedule.
 - UE & UE: 4 classes without a coteacher
 - Contributing factor: 1 additional coteacher position is being used to cover Payne's former Lower Elementary class.
 - Parent volunteer undergoing Montessori training is currently supporting one of these classes.
 - We are offering positions to 3 recent applicants. We anticipate that all positions should be filled within the next 3 weeks (given typical HR processing turnaround).

POSSIP Feedback (4:30 - 4:45)

- Members reviewed responses to discuss glows and grows.
- Action steps:
 - Promote upcoming Possip feedback windows to increase participation
 - Increase communication for HR processing of new teacher hires
 - Continue filling coteacher vacancies

Campus Homework Policy (4:45 - 5:05)

- Committee reviewed **sample** homework policy from another campus.
- Committee discussed the possibility of there being more clarity about the minimum homework support (ex: reading at home, resources, high frequency word practice, etc). Bass will discuss with team leads and a draft will be provided to SDMC in the spring for final feedback before it is included in next year's school handbooks.

HOMEWORK

Purpose of Homework:

- Develop initiative, responsibility, and organizational skills.
- Extend learning and provide practice in applying concepts that teachers have presented in the classroom.
- Strengthen concept attainment and skill development. Research has shown that there are benefits for nightly practice of spelling words and math facts for brief periods, especially before bedtime when some studies show the brain repeats patterns and facts during sleep.
- Support reading outside of the regular school day which has shown to have many benefits for children.

HOMEWORK TIME ALLOTMENTS	
PK-1	Up to 20 minutes/night + independent reading
2-3	Up to 30 minutes/night + independent reading
4-5	Up to 50 minutes/night + independent reading
6-8	Up to 60 minutes/night + independent reading

*If a student has worked constructively for the suggested time frames, but the assignment is not complete or the child is frustrated, parents are encouraged to write a note to the teacher stating this to address his/her needs.

CAMPUS WIDE READING EXPECTATIONS

All students at AIMS are expected to read at home a minimum of 20 minutes a day.

Facility & Safety Needs (5:05 - 5:08)

- Discussed removal of dying/dead oak tree at Yupon entrance and the dying tree on the corner of Fairview & Windsor.
 - Safety concern: Falling tree limbs in student walkway
 - Request to the district has been made to remove the trees on Sept 7, 2022. Bass has followed up 5 times.
- Paint retouch has not taken place since 2018. Bass has made a request to HISD facilities.

Student Council (5:08 - 5:10)

- Election committee of 8th graders are planning a student council election process to take place before Fall Break.
- Proposed inclusion of student voice on SDMC by inviting President and Vice President from Student Council.

Turkey Parade (5:10 - 5:15)

- Outline issue.
- Review Options:
 - Cancel parade.
 - Leave it for this one final year.
 - Make it a gratitude parade instead.