**Ernest McGowen Elementary School**

SDMC Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/12/22

Time: 3:05pm

The Meeting began promptly at 3:05 PM by Principal Whitaker welcoming the attendees. Mr. Whitaker then presented the campus SIP for review. Each member received their own copy the SIP plan while the major initiatives and goals were reviewed prior to approval by the committee. Mr. Whitaker then discussed campus safety updates for the new school year noting the recent tragedy in Uvalde. Some items discussed were the campus safety audit which would include frequent entrance/exit door checks to ensure the campus is secure. The meeting then shifted to personnel changes, with principal Whitaker noting the effects of the national teacher shortage and its affects locally. The campus is still searching for certified teachers for several vacancies.

Attendance was presented as another area for focus this year. The pandemic was a significant factor affecting attendance last year. This year the campus would implement several initiatives to get the daily attendance rate back to the pre-pandemic average. Mr. Whitaker then discussed the need for more campus technology due to STAAR testing being 100% online. The goal now is to have one device for every student on campus (ipad, chromebook, or laptop). The meeting ended with Mr. Whitaker reminding the team of the purpose of the committee and thanking them for their commitment to support the continuous improvement of McGowen Elementary.