

**McNamara Elementary**  
**Shared Decision-Making Committee Minutes**  
**June 16, 2021**  
**3:15 – 4:15 PM**

**Members Present:**

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1. STAAR Changes: STAAR will be a little different in 2021-2022 but there will be lots of changes in 2022-2023  
Highlights of the STAAR redesign include:
  - a. Fully transitioning Texas to online assessments
  - b. New item types with a multiple-choice cap
  - c. Reading language arts redesign that eliminates standalone writing for grades 4 and 7 and reflects the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
  - d. no more than 75% of any STAAR test can be multiple choice. New item types will make up at least 25% of the test
2. Technology: Assessments will now be completely online. We will order more devices for office staff because many laptops are old and/or nonfunctioning. HISD will probably also order devices to make sure everyone has a device.
3. Summer School: There are issues with entering hourly employees for summer school. We tried to pay them from the school budget but received an error. We contacted two people at the district. We received an update. Hopefully, we will be able to fix this issue soon. If not, we have a plan B to cover lunch periods. We are on track and will work together to resolve the issue.
4. Plans for Next Year: One of our biggest tasks this upcoming school year will be successfully implementing programs for interventions. After a particularly difficult school year, our students need individualized instruction, which we will give to them using programs such as Reading Mastery and Focused Math Interventions. Our jobs will consist of supporting teachers with interventions and ensuring that interventions are done consistently and with fidelity. The center of our attention for the upcoming school year is implementing a new reading program, Reading Mastery/Corrective Reading, on our campus. Our goal is to close reading gaps and ensure that all students are reading on grade level or above.
5. Important Dates: Beginning & End of Summer School