

McNamara Elementary
Shared Decision-Making Committee Minutes
September 24, 2020
3:15-4:30 PM

Members Present:

Toufic Elachkar
Carol Applebaum
Martina Berrios
Melanie Brooks
Sanfora Foote
Charity Maina
David Sadof
Lindsey Turner

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome

- All committee members were welcomed to the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Wellness Check

- Update on faculty and staff members who suffered or passed away from COVID-19. Also, faculty or staff family members who lost family members due to COVID-19.
- All SDMC members and their families have been spared from COVID-19 and are grateful for their safety.
- Teachers have been providing daily wellness checks for their students prior to instruction, to ensure their physically, social, and emotionally wellbeing.

3. Review SIP

I. Academic Goals:

- This year's focus is to increase by 3% in Masters, Meets, and Approaches Standards. Approaches (passing-strong

C -75% to 78%) Meets (B- 44% to 47%) Masters (A- 72-75%)

- Special Ed goal one-year progression
- Teachers have been attended virtual Professional Development to help scores increase (Reading Academy, Raz, and various online resources to assist with instruction)
- House Bill 3 (HB3)- Kindergarten to third grade demonstrating growth of 3 reading levels. The goal is literacy and math proficiency and college, career, and military readiness (CCMR).
- Trying to purchase Reading Mastery- two trained hourly teachers for interventions
- Maintaining or improving scores would be great
- There is some spring and summer decline due to virtual learning

II. Attendance Goals:

- Last year we missed our attendance goal by .5 of a point. We needed 97.1 and we had 96.5. Based on the formula used we missed reading and math by 1 distinction. We are hoping that this year we will close the gap, but not sure because of all the variables of virtual learning.
- The leadership team met this morning with attendance as a priority.
- Last year we had two employees to assist with attendance and now we have three to assist with keeping attendance high. There is now a wraparound specialist (Pauline Palos) assigned to our campus.

III. Behavior Goal:

- There were five suspensions last year and this year's goal is to decrease to 3.

4. Reopening Plan

- October 19 students will return in-person or continue virtually
- Fever will be checked from cars or with parents who walk their children.

- Hall monitors- 1-15 people
- 9-10 students maximum
- Desks separated 6 or more feet apart
- Health team will implement rules

5. Upcoming elections for the new 2020-2021 SDMC members

- Expiring members: Sanfora Foote, David Sadof, Lindsey Turner, Charity Maina, Carol Applebaum

6. Questions/Concerns

- Will volunteers be allowed on campus once the students return in-person?
- How has attendance been since September 7?
Attendance has improved since the Spring. Our students knew how to use technology but the issue in the Spring was lack of devices and/or internet. They are familiar because we have been doing blended learning. We know the needs of our students and to meet those needs we have distributed over 600 devices to students, iPads or laptops. Today we distributed 147 hotspots for students with no internet. Teachers have also been assisting with attendance by communicating with students by calling and giving assignments, encouraging students to get assignments on the HUB from cell phones, and taking pictures of assignments.
- Those who do not show up or communicate with the teachers are not counted present.