Atherton Elementary School

SDMC Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2019

Time: 3:25 p.m.

Members present:

Dr. Albert L. Lemons
Mrs. Nicole Moore
Dr. Fredrick Gillum
Mrs. Jacqueline Linsey
Mrs. Loretha Johnson

Ms. Fidella Thompson
Ms. Jennifer Jones
Mr. Eric Cauldwell
Ms. Tamara Rivers
Ms. Thelma Taylor

Agenda: Dr. Lemons opened the meeting with welcoming members. All members were accounted for at this time. The following discussions were had during the meeting:

Testing: Ms. Charles addressed the committee with the status of the Gifted and Talented testing. The G/T testing will end December 13, 2019 for the 5th Grade students.

December 20th Pappadeaux G.R.B.: The committee discussed that on December 20, 2019 all faculty and staff will attend a luncheon at Pappadeaux to honor the commitment and hard work to Atherton Elementary. These efforts have contributed to Atherton ES to be awarded an “A” rating from the Texas Education Agency.

Christmas Break: The committee discussed that the Christmas Break will be held December 23, 2019 through January 3, 2020.

Christmas Packet: Dr. Lemons stressed to the teachers that as with the Thanksgiving packet, the Christmas packet should include work that will inspire discovery, exploration, and that will be innovative.

Christmas Program: This year’s Christmas Program of “Amahl and the Night Visitors” will be held December 18, 2019. Mrs. Hickerson will select students to participate in the Nativity Scene during the Christmas Program.

Toys for Tots Program: The committee discussed that HISD employees and schools are invited to participate in the Toys for Tots program, which is the Marine Corps’ premier community action program. Employees may bring new and unwrapped toys, to Ms. Harden by December 18, 2019 toys to be dropped off at the Hattie Mae White.

Dyslexia Screening: Mr. Franklin addressed the committee with the window for screening all kindergarten and first grade students will close January 12, 2020. More details and information will be
made as is becomes available. Ms. Thompson has been selected to serve as an alternate for Dyslexia Screening and will attend training when it becomes available.

**Corporal Punishment:** Dr. Lemons shared with the committee that according to new guidelines presented to the Principals by HISD legal department, having students standing with their hands raised or with books in their hands is considered as a form of "Corporal Punishment" and will not be allowed. Dr. Lemons stressed that teachers should find other ways to dispense discipline.

**Questions/Answers:** Dr. Lemons opened the floor for any questions from the committee.

Closing: The SDMC meeting concluded at 5:04 p.m.