



E. A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary

School Decision Making Committee

September 21, 2023



The SDMC 1st quarter meeting of the 2023-2024 school year was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 3:30pm. Members present included:

- Olivia Casares
- Yesennia Carrizal
- Ma Angeles Leibig
- Imelda Donckels
- Jennifer Osorio
- Ebony Nzei
- Vicente Martinez-Gonzalez
- Maria Acosta
- Deisy Nino
- Constance White (SPED REP/non-voting)

The meeting was called to order by Principal Olivia Casares. Business discussed:

WELCOME

- Review Agenda
- Welcome New Members. Discuss Roles, Responsibilities, Dates and Times.

Enrollment and Attendance Goals

- Enrollment Projections- Current Enrollment 830
 - We have not met our current projection of 850.
- Current Student attendance- 95%
 - We are not meeting our goal of sustaining 98% attendance rate.
- Approve Student Attendance /Honor Roll Incentives
 - Perfect Attendance
 - Honor Roll
 - Members voted 9:0 in favor of purchasing student incentives to promote attendance and high student achievement.

Leader Effectiveness and Development (LEAD) system

- SDMC were presented and reviewed the LEAD system and were asked to give specific feedback via survey link.
- All members agreed to give feedback.

Review and Approve School Action Plan

- Members presented with School Action Plan. This plan was presented to all staff during pre-service training. Members will receive progress update during 2nd Quarter SDMC meeting on January 18, 2024.
- Resources and Materials will be needed to support High Quality Instruction (HQI).
- Members voted 9:0 in favor of plan and to purchase HQI resources/materials.

Budget

- Grants- Case for Kids, Books Between Kids, Arts Connect
 - These grants are for after-school programming (CASE FOR KIDS), providing books for home libraries (BOOKS BETWEEN KIDS), After school Fine Arts/Music Program (ARTS CONNECT)
 - Members voted 9:0 in favor of these grants to include receiving funds, materials, and services to support students.
- ESSER- Funds from this grant end 2023-24 school year. The only ESSER funds received are to pay salaries for 3 PK Teacher Assistants.
- New Hires- Dean of Instruction/AP, Teacher assistant, and academic tutors
 - These positions are necessary to support teacher and student success.
 - Members voted 9:0 in favor.

New Items

- Committee was asked if there were any other items they wanted to present to the committee. None were presented by any member.
- Committee was reminded to share information with school community members that they represent.
- Committee members were asked to let Ms. Casares know if they wanted to add any new items to the 2nd Quarter meeting.
- Members were also informed that SDMC minutes would be shared via email to staff members and posted on the Lyons website for the community.

The meeting was adjourned after no other business was presented.