

The Rice School/La Escuela Rice
SDMC Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023

Meeting start time was 4:15 p.m.

Meeting was called to Order. The members present are reflected on the sign-in sheet.

New Business

- School Improvement Plan
- School Safety
- Budget
- Curriculum
- TEA 2023 Ratings – Litigation
- Winter Break 12/22/2023
- Professional Development Day 1/5/2024

Meeting Minutes:

Our SDMC meeting began at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

School Improvement Plan - The SDMC reviewed and approved our 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan. Our SIP/CIP was presented to the professional staff on November 10, 2023, and it was approved unanimously. Signatures of the PTO Representative, SDMC Teacher Representative, and Principal Hobbs were obtained during this meeting.

School Safety – We discussed the procedures in place for all classroom doors and all exterior doors. As Superintendent Miles has stated it is a requirement to keep classroom doors open when someone is teaching students. There are safety exceptions. Doors that open to the exterior of the school building must be closed and locked at all times. Doors that cannot stay open on their own will remain closed during the school day. Officer Michael Felecia monitors doors daily. Fire Drills, Intruder, and Shelter-in-place drills are ongoing throughout the school year.

Budget - Principal Hobbs informed the SDMC that the school has a healthy operational budget. We had 1040 students enrolled as noted on our October snapshot date. Student attendance is a priority and a major factor in the calculation of funding for our school. Students must be encouraged to attend everyday as it impacts our budget and the Attendance for Credit 90% Rule.

Curriculum – NWEA MOY Testing will take place after the Winter Break. Math will be tested January 16th; RLA on January 17th; and Science on January 18th. HB 1416 (HB4545) impacts Grades 4-8. We are on target with providing students with tutorials and additional support as we close the gaps with learning. Our teachers are targeting students in need of assistance in reading, math, writing, and science.

TEA 2023 Ratings – will not be announced until a later date due to litigation. HISD has analyzed the raw data and Ratings are as follows: A (35 schools); B (58 schools); C (64 schools); D (59 schools); and F (52 schools).

Winter Break – begins Friday, December 22, 2023.

Professional Development Day – January 5, 2024

Rice School PTO Luncheon – Our teachers and staff will be provided a holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

SDMC Meeting Dates 2023-2024 are scheduled quarterly according to Board Policy, and they are as follows: (Q1) September 27, 2023; (Q2) December 13, 2023; (Q3) February 14, 2024; and (Q4) May 15, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.