

The Rice School/La Escuela Rice
SDMC Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022

Meeting start time was 4:30 p.m.

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

New Business

- Campus Safety – Locked Doors to Classrooms & Exterior
- Budget
- School Improvement Plan Review
- Curriculum – HB4545, Ren360, Progress Monitoring
- National Magnet Certification – Project Based Learning

Meeting Minutes:

Our SDMC meeting began at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Campus Safety – We discussed the procedures in place for all classrooms to be locked and all exterior doors. If teachers see a door propped open, they must close it immediately and report it to the front office. Officer Michael Felecia monitors doors daily and completes an audit every Friday. 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 budget. We had 1083 students enrolled and noted on our October snapshot date. We projected 1080 students. We need to encourage student attendance as it is a major factor in the calculation of funding for our school.

School Improvement Plan Review – Quarterly reviews are held (November, January, March, June) to determine if SIP goals are being met. The SDMC reviewed and was in agreement to continue to modify strategies as needed for Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, and Science for STAAR testing grades.

Curriculum – HB4545 impacts Grades 4-8 on our campus. Some students need 30 hours of accelerated instruction. We are on target with providing students with the necessary hours. Tutorials were held before the Thanksgiving Break for students who need additional support as we close the gaps on learning. Our teachers are targeting students in need of assistance in reading, math, writing, and science. We are purchasing materials and software to support this targeted instruction.

National Magnet Certification – Project Based Learning is happening across our campus. We want artifacts and materials from all classrooms participating in Project Based Learning to be submitted to Dr. Matson. This information will support our goal as we pursue the National Magnet Certification.

Rice School Luncheon – Our teachers and staff were provided a holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. HISD backpacks were purchased as gifts for our Rice School Teachers and Staff.

Other Business – (1.) Winter Break begins January 22, 2022. (2.) Teacher Prep Day is January 5, 2023. (3.) SDMC meetings are scheduled quarterly according to Board Policy, and they are as follows: September 9, 2022 (Q1); December 20, 2022 (Q2); February 15, 2023 (Q3); and May 17, 2023 (Q4).

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.