**Garden Oaks SDMC meeting - December 7, 2021**

Attendees: Patricia Williams, Shana Tatum, Elke Eisenhauer, Ivette Kestenbaum, Amanda Sebba

**Staffing updates from Sebba:**

* Shared staffing updates
* Two associate teachers covering classes – both are very strong.
* New Special Ed Chair position
* New Nurse!

**Budget updates from Sebba:**

Discussed ESSER funds

* ESSER safety – can we look at spending those funds on nutrition, PE equipment
* Principal shared that there are lots of rules about how this money can be spent, but we will investigate because these are great suggestions
* Teachers requested Empower Writers – Principal shared that we will purchase this
* Think Up – Principal explained the workbook structure and that we will probably purchase this as well to help close gaps and support kids in moving through curriculum.

**School updates form Eisenhauer:**

* Prepping for DLA
* Neuhaus scientific spelling course – teachers are excited

**Community updates from Ms. Williams:**

* Read for the Record
* Christmas Angels

**PTO updates (from Ms. Sebba)**

* In-person PTO meeting on 12/14 with Santa

**SDMC Scheduling**

* This month was off due to the Thanksgiving break, but in general SDMC meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting – February 1