

McNamara Elementary
Shared Decision-Making Committee Minutes
January 21, 2021
3:15 – 4:30 PM

Members Present:

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David Sadof
Lindsey Turner

Agenda Items:

WELCOME

COVID-19:

- There have been some COVID cases at school positive and presumed, no severe cases.
- Action Taken: Sending student home and the nurse has been doing contact tracing.
- Nurse Severance and the wellness team is doing a great job.

TESTING:

- Students are not taking time on test and completing too fast.
- Parents are encouraged to monitor the students with the test but not assist with the test.
- Thompson, Sinson, and teacher assistants are updating devices and downloading apps.
- TELPAS testing is in February.
- Students are expected to come in for STAAR.
- Planning is in progress.

FOURTH 6 WEEKS:

- Cycle 4 begins Monday, February 1
- There will be an additional 44 students on campus with 16 max. in a classroom.

TUTORIALS:

- The budget has enough money for tutorials
- Parents were informed that tutorials are only for those in need and will be virtual.
- Tutorial time is 4-5 pm.
- Teachers are signing up to teach tutorials.
- Tutorial times can be flexible for students and teachers.

- **HIRING:**
- Losing a Teacher Assistant, Ms. Noori.
- Looking to hire a new staff member to help students with different language support and interpretations.
- In April, the freeze on hiring may be lifted.
- Possible hire is a high school English teacher as a bilingual hourly.

VIRTUAL LEARNING:

- Virtual learning is going well, using Pear Deck.
- Teachers received training on Pear Deck.
- Ongoing concerns are lack of participation from some students.
- Hotspots and devices are still coming, and Ms. Thompson and Ms. Sinson have been working hard

INTERVENTIONS:

- The school is in the process of purchasing Reading Mastery.
- Reading Mastery \$57,000 over 3 years.
- The newest version is coming out in April and will be ready to implement in the Fall.

SDMC elections will be held next month. Digital forms will be sent to staff for election.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- DLA is in progress- **January 19-22**
- MOY High Frequency Word Evaluation- **February 1-5**
- MOY Ren 360- **February 1-26**
- Snapshot 2- **February 22-26**
- TELPAS- **February 22 – April 9**
- Teacher Prep Day- **February 29**
- Spring Break- **March 15-19**
- STAAR- **April 6- May 7**