

ASKEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SDMC Minutes
November 2, 2017

Upcoming Events

All HISD Kinder & 5th grade students that are not already identified as Gifted and Talented will be taking the CoGat and Iowa tests in the month of November.

This afternoon HISD decided to cancel school for tomorrow due to the Astros win because the parade and other activities are expected to cause serious delays in transportation of students.

Feedback/Concerns

- **Kinder** asked if a reminder could be sent out to parents about being courteous during dismissal. It was suggested that students patrol holding friendly reminders during dismissal like last year.
- **1st Grade** was updated on the request for Safe Schools Act training. HISD does not offer separate training for this as it's covered in the Student Code of Conduct.
- **2nd Grade** asked if lights could be installed in the small parking area behind the t-buildings. Admin will contact the construction crew. Teachers also asked about the re-mulching of the playground. A work order has been placed.
- **3rd Grade** asked if the Istation program being renewed this year. We will get an updated quote for the SDMC to consider.
- **4th Grade** asked for an update on the upstairs restrooms. The boys' restroom in the 4th grade hallway may be structurally unsound and we are waiting on Facility Services to inspect and determine next steps. The 5th grade boys' restroom has a leak and Ms. Lopez has put in a work order. Admin will reach out to Brian Busby to see if there is anything that can be done to expedite repairs. In the meantime, students can be sent to other areas to use the restroom.

Because all of the 4th grade classes are over the 22 student limit, we now have permission to redirect 4th graders to other campuses for enrollment. SDMC discussed ideas to help teachers by pulling out groups of kids in focused, strategically planned groups. Options will be discussed during grade level PLC meetings next week.

Teachers also asked about planners for new students. PTO pre-ordered planners based on last year's numbers so we are short this year. A 2nd grade teacher volunteered to give extra planners to 4th grade.

- **Parents** asked if the school could coordinate adopting needy families for the holidays. Ms. Rodriguez volunteered to coordinate this.

Parents also asked about the Reading Partners Program. PTO does not have the volunteer support for the program we've had in the past which brings parents in to read with students. It was suggested that teachers individually reach out to parents to recruit volunteers.

P.A.T. and SDMC member Jen Major has moved out of the area and will step down from both committees.

Next Meeting—December 7, 2017