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# SDMC Minutes

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

**3:30pm – 5:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, SDMC Committee held its monthly meeting in the Conference Room at 3:30 p.m. Present were Isabel Palacios, Cindy Golding, Roxie Randolph, Alice Thomas, Mary Martinez, Rossana Blest, Claudia Turrubiarres, Tiffani White and Maria Cardoza.

Meeting was opened by Ms. Palacios welcoming the committee and thanking the committee for their time and dedication invested in our scholars.

Ms. Palacios informs the committee that we have Family Math and Science Night on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Ms. Thomas communicates that she has her math center ready and for Science her class is going to show the plants they have grown in the classroom. Ms. White will follow up with Ms. Young to provide support with the coordination of the event. Ms. Blest as always is committed to stay and assist.

Ms. Arzate, Social Worker, needs to be reminded when we have our monthly meetings as she is part of our committee.

Ms. Golding informs that books from "Books Between Kids" have arrived. We received a big pallet for book distribution day. Each student will receive six books to take home for the summer. Ms. Golding requests that Ms. Blest obtain volunteers to assist with the distribution. Ms. Golding will need three volunteers in the morning and three volunteers in the afternoon.

STAAR Test Treats Sign up form will be placed out on the front counter for staff to sign up. STAAR Tests are on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will test on Reading and Math. Fifth grade will take their Science STAAR Test on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5 scholars that did not need will retest Reading or Math or both.

We have received our 5<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR scores in Math and Reading. Our scholars did not perform as well as they did in last year's first administration. We have 65% passing in Reading and 70% passing in Math. We must work together as a Team to ensure success for all our scholars. We need everyone to be here and be present. We have an STAAR action plan that can only work if we all come together. Everyone is asked to step up to the plate and help tutor. Our scores are low and not were they need to be. We asked Ms. Martinez to tutor some fifth-grade scholars and she did. The scholars she tutored passed!! We are going to make it in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. If we all contribute.



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Oates pep rally will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and Ms. Thomas will coordinate the event as she did for the first STAAR administration.

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is Cafeteria Ladies Super Hero Day. We will also celebrate our Metro Kleen ladies as they also do a great job in the cafeteria. Let's all show our cafeteria staff our appreciation for their hard work.

Coach Barahona will coordinate Field Day. Ms. Thomas offers to assist and share last year's schedule with him. Coverage for Ms. Thomas will be provided if needed. It is suggested to have at least one volunteer per class to help all day.

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week. We will also celebrate Nurse's Day on Friday, May 10, 2019. Luncheons will be provided by the principal and parents to the faculty and staff.

Ms. Golding will distribute a promotion/retention (Placement Committee) schedule.

Awards day schedules will be provided in the End of The Year Packet. As well, as all schedules, guidelines, and information for the month of May will be included in the packet. Teachers are expected to read the information, complete and return all requested forms in a timely manner. This year some 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony Dinner. We incite

Weekly Perfect Attendance celebrations are not as successful as when we introduced them. Teachers need to assist with the effort to increase student attendance by contacting parents when their scholars are absent. Parents want to hear from the teacher. The office staff will continue to call parents but ask that the teachers assist by contacting parents on a daily basis as well. Teachers need to motivate scholars to attend school daily.

This week's treat is Frito Pies, requested by a group of students. PTO wants to see that their investment is paying off. PTO is requesting that the teachers talk to their scholars, call parents, and inform them of our attendance initiative.

We are excited to announce that Oates has partnered with Teach for America (TFA) for Summer School. TFA core members will be part of the Summer School staff. There will be at least one TFA member in the classroom to assist teachers with small group instruction. We will also have 2-3 supervisory support persons on campus to assist the TFA core members.



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Reminders: Please remind the scholars not to bring backpacks on the last day of school. Therefore, make sure to send items in paper bags a small number of items at a time. This information is in the End of The Year Packet.

No concerns or deliberations.

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Palacios at 4:30 pm.

SDMC minutes submitted by Claudia Turrubiarres, SDMC Secretary