

The Rice School/La Escuela Rice
SDMC Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2020

Meeting start time was 4:15 p.m.

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

New Business

- Campus Safety - COVID
- Budget
- School Improvement Plan
- Curriculum – Ren360 & Progress Monitoring
- Hour of Code
- Dr. Spillane’s Memorial Garden

Meeting Minutes:

Our SDMC meeting began at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Campus Safety – We reviewed the safety procedures which all teachers and staff follow daily. They must use the CheckIn2Work app, wear a mask, wash hands often, and social distance. Teachers have PPE supplies in their classroom. They frequently remind their students to wear their mask, wash hands, and social distance. The largest group of students attending Face to Face are in Grades K-2. From our 1153 students, over 780 students are virtual learners at home. The other 373 F2F students are in grades K-8. We continue to practice monthly Fire Drills and Shelter-in-place drills as required for safety.

Budget - The SDMC was informed by Principal Hobbs that one-half of our Budget was accessible in the Fall Semester. After the October snapshot, our school funds were adjusted by the district due to enrollment. We started the school year with 1205 students and by October 30th we had 52 students who withdrew. Some parents decided to homeschool their children and other families relocated due to losing their jobs during the pandemic. Attendance is a major factor in the calculation of funding for our school.

School Improvement Plan – Our goal for each grade level taking the STAAR exam is Meets Standards in every subject. The SIP reflects these goals for Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. House Bill 3 has us focused on Grade 3 literacy and math. Specific goals and objectives were written into the SIP for third grade.

Curriculum – Renaissance 360 and Progress Monitoring continue at each grade. Our teachers are providing formative assessments Grades K-8.

Hour of Code – Our Rice School students join millions of other students across the world in the Hour of Code (December 1-16). Students studying technology in Ms. Lewis' and Ms. Rios' classes have been participating in the 12 Days of Code where they focus on programming, applications, and creating computer games.

Dr. Spillane's Memorial Garden – Bamboo plants have been planted in memory of our beloved Counselor. Her family donated the bamboo, and we will continue to add other plants as we create this memorial garden dedicated to our former counselor.

Other Business – (1.) Kudos to our Teachers and Staff who report to work daily for Face to Face instruction as well as Virtual teaching online. Principal Hobbs recognized their dedication and commitment to students and their families during this COVID pandemic. Our Rice School Teachers and Staff are the true heroes helping students with Teaching & Learning.

(2.) SDMC meetings are scheduled quarterly according to Board Policy and they are September 23, 2020 (Q1); December 9, 2020 (Q2); February 17, 2021 (Q3); and May 12, 2021 (Q4).

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.