

## SDMC Minutes

January 29, 2019

### Members Present

Elvia Lopez, Julia Curiel, Laura Aguilar, Christine Turner, Doreen Howard, Gloria Larry, Omar Valdivia, Jose Garcia, and Deborah Gouge, Xavier Gerald, Affi Bouadi and Mr. Mitchell

#### I. Celebrations and Concerns

Mr. Gerald's fiancé passed her principal's exam. Mr. Mitchell is throwing his mother a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

#### II. State of the Schools

We as a district are still under the recapture plan. It is impacting our school. Most of our general funding is depleted. We are currently depending on Title One funding. There will be a 20% revenue cut next year and the district officials are looking at all of the southwest area. There will be effects directly to our school such as extra money for field trips and hiring substitutes. What is our five year plan at Anderson? We currently have a lot of competition with Yes Prep, Harmony and other charter schools in the area. Students are moving to these charter schools and we have to become creative in order to increase enrollment and subsequent funding to our school. Right now, our enrollment is approximately 756 students. We hope to keep at least this enrollment for next year. We need to have creative and innovative programs to attract and keep students enrolled in our school. We need to ask ourselves this question: What can we do to make Anderson, like none other?

#### III. Afterschool Academies

Mrs. Turner said that the afterschool tutorials would run from 3:10 until 4:40 on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on the first week in February. There was a concern that one hour was not enough. The committee voted to extend the sessions to one and a half hours each. The letters to the parents need to go out no later than Thursday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. The teacher assignments will be determined by performance and the specific needs of the student population. Mrs. Turner has accounted for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Class sizes will be held at 10 students. Mrs. Turner and Dr. Vaughn will comprise the selection committee.

#### IV. Literacy Night Décor, Yay or Nay?

Many of the teachers mentioned that it takes too much time and energy to decorate the entire school. There was a vote taken by the committee on whether or not to keep decorating in its current status or to scale down to just the bulletin boards. The committee voted to scale down the decorations.

## V. 100 Days of School Celebration

There will be a full day of celebration on February 7<sup>th</sup> with a parade, activity booths, and a quiz bowl in the afternoon. Activity times will be worked out. The competition will probably be during the judging. Mrs. Flowers created a folder with instructions that includes the day and ancillary times, maps for the routes and the routines for the workstations. Also 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ancillary will be held in the classrooms. Mrs. Aguilar mentioned that supplies might be a problem at the different stations. For the Math Bowl competition, each teacher will be told to select 3 members from each class. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that he would like to stream the competition. Mrs. Aguilar said that this could probably be done by using Facebook Live or Google Chat. All students would have to have their media release forms signed ahead of time. Mrs. Aguilar mentioned that she could send the link to the page to Mr. Mitchell and the grade level chairs. Teachers participate in the live stream, either in their classrooms independently or they can go to designated classrooms. The Westbury Band is slated to participate as well as our cheerleaders. The Quiz Bowl would be held from 1:30-2:00p.m. It was done at this time last year.

## VI. 6. Safety Concerns

Mr. Gerald mentioned that the floors were always wet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bathroom. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that something mechanical might be malfunctioning in the restroom. He said that Mr. Watkins may have to refresh the bathrooms more often. Also work orders would need to be submitted for any needed repairs. Nurse Larry mentioned that a student had scissors and was cutting another student's clothes. Mrs. Turner mentioned that another student was also cutting limbs with scissors during dismissal. Mr. Mitchell suggested that all classroom teachers be in charge of scissors and pick them up after the activity. This information can be disseminated in the PLC meetings where the emphasis can be put on safety, caution and systems being put in place. Mrs. Turner said that the gate leading out to the park is being left open. Mr. Mitchell suggested that the last class that has recess should make sure that the gate is closed and locked. There was a concern that walkers were being dismissed too early. The walkers are dismissed at 2:50p.m. and bus riders and siblings are to be released at 2:40p.m. Siblings go to their sibling's classroom. They are supposed to go into the teacher's classroom to pick up their sibling. Mr. Gerald also mentioned that the parents aren't going to the crossing guard location to drop their children. They are just letting them out in the street. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that a cone could be placed in the designated area. Mrs. Aguilar said that there was no one monitoring the back teachers parking lot and during certain times the parents are blocking the entrance. Mrs. Aguilar inquired if parent volunteers could be used and trained. Mr. Mitchell said that the crossing guard department could be contacted and that the legal aspects of this proposal would have to be thoroughly investigated. Ms. Gouge mentioned that the back gate where the bus/van riders are dismissed occasionally doesn't shut completely without an extra tug. Mrs. Turner emphasized that recess needs to be actively monitored to prevent problems.

## VII. Child Safe Kits

Mrs. Turner informed the committee that an organization would like permission to distribute flyers to parents concerning Child Safe Kits. These kits contain places for a child's fingerprints, personal information, picture, DNA and information about identifying marks. The school will receive one dollar for every interest card that is returned. The classroom teacher with the most students enrolled will receive a gift certificate from the company. These kits are absolutely free for the parents. Mr. Bouadi made a motion for the committee to vote and they voted in favor of this proposal for our campus. This proposal will be taken to Dr. Vaughn for her approval.

Mrs. Aguilar mentioned that there will be a fine arts workshop this coming Saturday (Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>) for core teachers. They will disseminate useful information on how to integrate art and dancing with the core curriculum.

Nurse Larry mentioned that all teachers need to make sure that students are not wearing jeans with holes in them. This is not permissible under our uniform policy. She also mentioned that the field trip for acquiring glasses will be Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Mitchell informed the committee that the base channel for the radios will be changed to 4 starting tomorrow due to interference from other campuses during dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40p.m.