

SDMC Minutes

April 27, 2021

Attendance:

Ms. Sapp – School Based Staff

Ms. Greene Teacher

Ms. Collins – Instructional Specialist

Mr. Jimenez -Teacher

Mr. Vizcarra - Teacher

Ms. Darden – Principal

Ms. Ward-Morris

Ms. Kinnibrew – Teacher

2021-2022 Waivers

The only general waiver for elementary campuses is attendance. The SDMC committee agreed not to develop any specialized campus waivers for the 2021 2022 school year. There was a discussion on the table regarding early release days. However, after sharing concerns around the loss of instructional time, and high absenteeism, the committee decided not to create any custom waivers. Due to various reasons, our current attendance percent is below 95%. Many of our student absences come from COVID issues and our virtual scholars. The SDMC committee expressed interest in meeting during the summer months to develop an action plan to address failing scholars and scholars with high absenteeism.

Summer school: Ms. T. Sapp will be the lead teacher for summer school. During, the meeting she shared information about our summer program. Currently, there are over 200 scholars who are required to attend summer scholars based on failing grades and attendance. Ms. Sapp will meet with the GPC and parents to discuss Cumulative Learning Profiles for individual scholars. According to the district, we will receive enough funds to support ten teachers. We have received funds for our Bilingual Pre-k and Kindergarten. Mr. Vizcarra will provide instruction. We have concerns over the number of teachers. With the final six weeks concluding, we are noticing more failing students. We will primarily have split grade levels to meet the needs of your scholars.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Ms. Ocanas will spearhead the planning for our teacher appreciation activities. We are currently working with Target, who is one of our business partners. They will provide celebration items for each teacher.

Field Day: During our meeting, discussions around field day events were voted on by the SDMC members. All of the members agreed to have Field Day this year. They stressed the importance of allowing our face-to-face scholars an opportunity to enjoy field Day but make sure we develop specific social distancing guidelines. The SDMC committee will generate a particular plan will be created to include the virtual scholars.

STAAR Testing: During the week of STAAR, all pre-k – 2nd-grade scholars will be virtual. We applied and received a waiver from the state. The wavier will provide more space for testing small groups. The pre-k 2nd teachers will report to school each day and provide virtual instruction.