



Oak Forest Elementary School
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Minutes

The meeting commenced at 3:15p.m. Mr. Casler reviews the agenda items of curriculum, budget, and updates. He provided SDMC members with the curriculum choices. He started with ELA and reviews Amplify, HMH, and NES/HISD Curriculum. Ms. Mena discussed her experience this school year using Amplify. She discussed the overwhelming feeling of receiving hundreds of books in August and trying to internalize lessons without training. She then discussed her past experiences with HMH which is a curriculum she is familiar with and likes. Mr. Casler discussed the Math curriculums Eureka and STEMscopes Math. He discussed the differences and the experience of Eureka in the 2023-2024 school year. He explained his hopes were to train teachers prior to getting Eureka but the training never occurred due to the changes in HISD. We discussed how different grades have different experiences with Eureka and that even if we continue with this curriculum, we will provide supplements to the curriculum in order of meeting the needs of all students at Oak Forest Elementary. Science was discussed and Ms. Toal who is our Science lab teacher was unable to give her experiences with either curriculum provided. Mr. Casler said that he did speak to someone he trusted in HISD and they recommended the Savvas Learning Center curriculum for Science. Ms. Toal said she would like to do more research on both before giving her thoughts. After discussing all the options for curriculum, we showed a survey we sent to our teachers to give insights into our campus curriculum. Most teachers would like to continue with a different type of ELA curriculum but continue using Eureka with supplemental options such as IXL.

At 3:45p.m. Mr. Casler began discussing the budget for the 2024-2025 school year. He informed SDMC of the number being a little higher than prior years. His experience with budget is to be cautious with spending funds to best service students. He explained how the budget is calculated at the district level per student. Overall, our budget for the 2024-2025 school year is \$4,607,000. We discussed how PTA assists with some resources and other items that can't be covered under the Oak Forest budget. We concluded the budget discussing positions that will need to be filled such as an extra 5th grade position due to the large 4th grade class size.

At 4:00p.m. Mr. Casler opened the meeting with other general questions. Parents wanted to know if OFE would still have a librarian. He discussed that OFE will continue to have a librarian and our campus will have to figure out how to catalog since this will no longer be in the district.