
The virtual SDMC meeting started at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) is to serve as an advisory group to the principal. The committee represents all parts of the school community. The committee monitors the implementation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Decisions are reached by consensus, and meetings are held four times per year. Minutes are posted on the Harvard school website.

A new funding model is being presented to HISD principals. Presently, HISD froze seventy-five percent of funds from the school general budget. Harvard ES is unable to cover partial cost of the fifth-grade Camp Olympia field trip. Harvard ES enrollment is stable and expected to remain the same or slightly increase in 2022-2023. Ms. Alaniz reported a budget meeting for Harvard ES is scheduled for the month of April 2022.

Harvard ES is a model school for various departments in HISD. Harvard ES is considered a model for Restorative Practices, Depth and Complexity, Professional Learning Communities and most recently, the Teacher Career Pathway program. This department has requested Harvard Teacher Career Pathway Teacher Leaders, Ms. Narvaez, Ms. Fitzpatrick and Ms. McCloskey, to submit a summary of the work they do to positively impact student achievement to be used as a model for other schools. Harvard ES teachers and staff continue to reflect upon and make changes when necessary to improve educational programming.

Submissions from the SDMC members included Mr. Vazquez, IT staff. He reminded SDMC members to share with teachers and staff the importance of powering down electronics. Ms. Rodriguez, PTA president solicited ideas for meeting the needs of teachers and staff. Suggestions such as flexible seating furniture, consumable teaching supplies and enrichment programming were provided. Harvard PTA will discuss and communicate its decisions to the Harvard administration.

The virtual SDMC meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.