

SDMC Meeting 5/31/2022

Members Present: Cameron Nicklaus, Alma Adams, Megan Jannise, Luis Saenz, Billy Smoot, Claudia Torres, Miriam Vicente, Maria Ortega, Dariela Rodriguez, Rosa Gonzalez, Dalila Amador, Glenn Cervantes

1. Celebrations – Mr. Saenz recognized fifth grade students, teachers, and mentors on the great work that went to preparing for exhibition which was held today and will be held again tomorrow evening for parents.
2. Safety –
 - a. Reminder to tighten procedures and keep security on the forefront of our daily activities. Mr. Saenz recognized the families who lost loved one's last week in Uvalde, Tx.
 - b. Parent Volunteers – parents have been solicited to be our eyes and ears across the campus. We will have 7 parents assisting throughout the day in monitoring campus safety. Focus will be on exit points, ensure students are not outside when they shouldn't be, and any outdoor activities.
 - c. Budget does not allow for us to secure a campus resource officer at this time, as they are not provided to elementary schools.
 - d. Campus safety procedures – classroom doors must be locked and secured at all times. Use magnet strip for convenience. No doors or gates propped open, take precautions, be aware of surroundings, and be our own best advocates. Exterior doors should never be propped open for any reason.
3. Enrollment/budget
 - a. 829 student projection for next year – current 860, snapshot this year was 849. We will continue to recruit and raise enrollment in Head Start program. We will begin a 3-year-old Head start Class this year. We will add another DL Head Start class as well in Pre-K.
 - b. Enrollment is projected to be lower – possible causes mobility, competition from charter schools, etc. We need to promote and advocate for enrollment to keep our numbers high as the enrollment impacts our funding and programs.
 - c. PTO – Thank you to PTO for funding Teacher Appreciation expenses, student programs and incentives, instructional materials, and other activities. PTO has made a large impact on our ability to provide for our learning community.
 - d. We are working to fulfill the shopping carts that have been submitted, however the district did pull back 75% of the allocated budget so there was a large hole that was filled by PTO in some cases. Fundraising reminders for next school year were discussed.
4. Curriculum/instruction
 - a. Last week of school activities planned for the remainder of this week and next. Please do your best to make things memorable and so that students leave on a high note. Maximize instructional time every day and use the afternoon for fun

activities, so that we keep our focus on the basics of reading, math, and instruction. Take time to build on skills students have acquired, and complete IB units of inquiry

- b. Attendance – a robust plan of action must be implemented for next school year as we are still at an overall attendance of about 92%. Prior to the pandemic we were strong at 97% ADA. Please continue to reach out to parents and families as the last days continue. Perfect attendance will be awarded, and a celebration will be planned for the end of this week.
- c. STAAR – we are still waiting for STAAR scores; students below 60% on STAAR should attend summer school
- d. Exhibition – today's 5th grade exhibition went very well – shoutout to students, teachers and mentors for the great work that went to research and preparation. Tomorrow evening the exhibition will be open to the public.
- e. Media Specialist will be implemented next year. Ms. Jannise will take that position next year and our new media specialist. We look forward to library time, story time, and time dedicated IB inquiry and research as needed for units of inquiry. The position was created for all campuses in HISD as part of the vision of the Superintendent.
- f. Gifted/Talented – feedback from parents concerning the programming/instruction/support offered to the G/T students. Feedback came during parent meetings; proposal to bring back a "G/T" classroom per grade level as we did previously. One class would be G/T and high Tier I students sheltered together. Feedback and discussion from the SDMC members. Consensus of SDMC is to implement a G/T Pullout Program.
- g. Summer school - work day on June 9, June 10 is the training make up day, and summer school begins on June 13. Board will let us know about the Juneteenth Celebration, perhaps a day off on Monday, June 20. Last day of summer school is July 7. July 4-5 are holidays as well.
- h. New Teachers joining us – at least 8 new teachers will join us and at this time we are fully staffed, except for a second-grade class.
- i. August IB workshops will be held on August 4-5. Staff will report to work on August 8. Commitment forms for IB trainings will be forthcoming this week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM, with sincere thanks from Mr. Saenz for the work and energy invested throughout the school year, and as SDMC members.