



James D. Burrus Fine Arts Magnet Elementary School

SDMC Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Williams welcomed all members to the first SIP meeting for the year and expressed great thanks for member's willingness to participate in helping to make our campus successful. She continued by highlighting some glows that had been going on at the campus with fidelity. Among those things were the dismissal and arrival process which has been streamlined to a shorter amount of time due to the system that has been put in place, and parent's willingness to follow the system with patience. A goal area for future glows is student engagement and seeing students participating in academic discourse with teachers continuing to use the check for understanding strategies.

Moving forward, some of the immediate grow areas for the campus centered around attendance (how do we get students to school and on time?) Mrs. Williams opened the discussion for ideas on how to address this area. Ms. Lopez, Parent Representative, suggested that consistent attendance be incentivized by class each month with free Kona Ice slushies to those who maintain a high rate of attendance. Additionally, Mrs. Starghill, Classroom Teacher, agreed and stated that students respond well to incentives and that by making attendance an increased item that students would respond in a positive manner.

Mrs. Williams transitioned to new business. The campus SIP was presented and covered; highlighted areas most specific and pertinent to data and accountability aligned with board goals. Mrs. Williams expressed a great concern for being able to meet and exceed the board goals, with who and a dedicated action plan given on how to achieve.

A major area expressed was enrollment. Mrs. Williams encouraged every member to seek opportunities to recruit students to Burrus Elementary. The primary focus remains to recapture students through attending HISD Magnet Fairs and conducting community/neighborhood walks, which she implored members to be a part of as they arise. Mrs. Williams slated another community walk to occur soon with the added intent to have parents have yard signs that signify their child's enrollment at Burrus Elementary.

With an increase participation from the community, Mrs. Williams also mentioned upcoming events on campus that parents and community can be involved in to increase a sense of visibility and connectivity to the campus. She invited and reminded members of the upcoming Muffins with Moms event, as well as Coffee with the Principal which would give parents and opportunity to speak on their immediate concerns. Mrs. Dubose, Community Liaison, offered her assistance along with the Independent Heights Ministerial Alliance to provide incentives for students and to assist with community outreach.

With all SDMC member in agreeance, the meet was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.