

**The Rice School/La Escuela Rice**  
**SDMC Meeting Minutes**  
December 14, 2021

Meeting start time was 4:15 p.m.

Meeting was called to Order. The members present are reflected on the sign-in sheet.

New Business

- Campus Safety - COVID
- Budget
- School Improvement Plan Review
- Curriculum – HB4545, Ren360, Progress Monitoring
- Hour of Code

Meeting Minutes:

Our SDMC meeting began at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

**Campus Safety** – As a result of Covid, we reviewed the safety procedures which teachers and staff must follow. They must use the CheckIn2Work app, wear a mask, wash hands often, and social distance. Our teachers have PPE supplies (masks, gloves, wipes) in their classrooms. We ask teachers to remind their students to wear their mask, wash hands, and social distance in the classroom and hallways. Monthly Fire Drills, Intruder, and Shelter-in-place drills are ongoing.

**Budget** - Principal Hobbs informed the SDMC that the school will return money to HISD due to the October snapshot enrollment numbers. We were 86 students short of the 1162 student projection. We had 1076 students in Grades K-8 on snapshot date. This lower enrollment number was the result of COVID's impact on families. Several parents chose to homeschool while others moved due to new jobs. Funding will be deducted from our school budget. In addition to enrollment, we need to keep a close watch on attendance as it is a major factor in the calculation of funding for our school.

**School Improvement Plan Review** – Quarterly reviews will be held (November, January, March, June) to determine if SIP goals are being met. The SDMC reviewed and was in agreement to continue to modify strategies as needed for Reading, Writing, Math, and Science for STAAR testing grades.

**Curriculum** – HB4545 impacts Grades 4-8 on our campus. Some students need 30 hours of accelerated instruction. We are on target with providing students with the necessary hours. Camp Spark will be held December 20-21, 2021, for students who need additional support as we close the gaps on learning. Our teachers are giving students the District Level Assessments (DLA) for Grades 1-8 in Reading, Math, Writing, Science.

**Hour of Code** – HISD visitors from the Academic Technology Department came out to observe Rice School students joining millions of other students across the world in the Hour of Code. Students from Ms. Lewis’ and Ms. Rios’ classes used programming tools to create computer games, applications, and web content. There were plugged and unplugged activities during this coding event. Special thanks to both teachers!

**Rice School Luncheon** – Our teachers and staff will be provided a holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Due to Covid, individual box lunches and drinks will be available for staff to pick up from the front office area during their scheduled lunch break.

**Other Business** – (1.) Teacher retention bonus to be paid December 22, 2021, and the other half in June. (2.) SDMC meetings are scheduled quarterly according to Board Policy, and they are as follows: September 22 (Q1); December 14 (Q2); February 16 (Q3); and May 11, 2022 (Q4).

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.