Almeda Elementary School
SDMC Meeting Minutes-Quarter 2

Location: Virtual (TEAMS)
Date: Wednesday November 16, 2022
Attendees: Ian Olmstead, Alanda Phillips, Tamika Roberson, Sonya Curtis, Michael Miller, Anita Gardner, Erick Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Sonya Davis, Andrew Rebullida, Yolanda Serrano, LeHuyen Tran,
Time: 3:15p.m.-4:15p.m.

Agenda items
I. Welcome to SDMC members for 2022-2023 school year by Principal
II. Campus Enrollment, Budget, Title I, Safety
   a) Campus Enrollment-Our current campus enrollment is 792 students after the district snapshot. We were 1 student under projected estimated enrollment. Campus lost out on 1 student.
   b) Campus Budget-We have money to spend based on campus budget for supplies and field trips, etc.
   c) Title I-Schools in which children from low-income families make up at least 40 percent of enrollment are eligible to use Title I funds to operate schoolwide programs that serve all children in the school in order to raise the achievement of the lowest-achieving students.
      i) Title I funds are available to purchase supplies, pay for field trips and additional staff for Interventions, etc.
      ii) Title I money is available for supplies, field trips and additional interventions/programs.
   d) Safety-All Campus Safety drills are up to date. We have had 3 Fire Drills and 1 Lockdown drill so far this school year
      i) Ms. Waters is the School Safety Captain. We will be revising the extraction of the 2nd & 3rd grade classrooms during the drills for easier flow and so it is quicker and safer to exit the hallways.
      ii) Mr. Olmstead has completed walks around the school building to ensure all doors are locked and working properly. All doors have passed the safety lock test.
      iii) Mrs. Whitaker has brought up to Mr. Olmstead about the paint chipping off the walls in hallways. Mrs. Blanco has requested to have the walls painted by the district, but they stated that it is not in the budget. Almeda will work on funding and finding the budget to have the walls re painted. Students are peeling the paint off the walls as they see it hanging.
III. Open Positions
   a) We currently have the following positions open;
      i) 3rd Grade ELA, 4th Grade Math, 2 SLC teacher positions, 1 ECSE position, 1 ESSER specialist position and Assistant Principal.
         (1) We are interviewing tirelessly looking for people to fill the positions.
      ii) SLC-There is a need and problem for the SLC classes. We can have 2 SLC teachers but will need another PC number
      iii) SLC Space Changes-1st & 2nd grade students will remain in the current SLC room. 3rd-5th grade students will be moved to Mrs.
Radke old room. This will allow the 18 students to be in 2 separate rooms instead of 1 room.

(1) Mrs. Radtke’s new office will be and additional SPED space next to Mr. Perkins rooms at the front of the school. This will allow the room to be used as a Calming space, Intervention room, hold ARD meetings and any additional meetings.

(2) This will allow our SPED teachers to do more push ins in the general ed classroom.

iv) Positions not filled will go back and clear out of APPLITRACK and this will allow more money o the campus budget.

IV. Campus Attendance-Campus attendance for this year is at 91.6 %. Last year’s attendance rate was at 92.5. We are down a percentage point which doesn’t sound like a lot but it is the money that we lose every day when students are out. We will be focusing on Attendance at parent events and attendance incentives for classrooms. Mr. Queen will begin to make home visits for those students with low attendance.

V. Arts Program-The District reached out to inform us that we will be able to participate in a Afterschool Arts Program for the spring semester.

a) Name of Program- Arts Afterschool Program and it is a 5 week program, to be held twice a week.

b) Students will be exposed to the Fine/Performing & Visual Arts experiences. Only 10-20 students will be allowed to attend program and no specific grade level was given. It will be at the principal’s discretion on who will be able to attend. The program will cost $4000 and covered by the district. Details TBA in the Spring.

VI. Loving Houston-We have started a partnership with Loving Houston. Through HISD we will be partnering with a church group that is similar to Abiding Faith.

a) The group is open to offering any program we can think of to offer our students. Ascending to Men is a program the district has to work with our young boys and is similar to the Rose program for girls.

b) We are currently talking about doing some type of Boot Camp that focuses on Athletics and more about working with our students to keep them engaged, fun, uplifting and really encouraging.

c) We are open to other ways we may be able to use them to help our students

VII. Covid Testing-Covid Testing on campus will begin the Week of November 28th. Testing will take place on stage from 12:00-2:00. Look out for emails from Mrs. Davila. She is the point of contact for our COVID 19 testing this semester.

a) An email will go out to the community and parents about testing.
b) It will be a quick and easy process and you can sign up when they arrive on campus. Parents will have to sign up for students to receive the test.

VIII. Open Issues

a) Q#1-Rebullida-Some of the Fences are broken near the recess area. Will this be fixed? There is a loose fence board near the spark park which can allow people or students to go out. Students can crawl through the space.
   i) Mr. Olmstead has gotten part of the fence fixed. The older students from the middle school & high schools are leaning on the fences when they wait for pick up.
   ii) Mr. Olmstead drives and circles the building in the morning to check on outside needs and broken fences. We will take a look and work on getting fence fixed.

b) Q#2-Nurse Phillips-I received some updated forms from the nursing department from the SEL department abut threats, suicide, etc. Do we share that with everyone.
   i) No just share the new forms with the Crisis team-Olmstead, Waters, Pinedo, Davila, Roberson, Radtke, Nurse and Mr. Miller as the SEL Liaison.

c) Q#3-Y. Serrano-I am still concerned about coverage in the cafeteria of staff and behavior.
   i) I would like for the cafeteria to be an outlet for students since they have to be quiet everywhere else in the building. They should be able to talk in the cafeteria as long as they are not up walking around and playing.
   ii) We have at least 3 staff persons scheduled to be in the cafeteria but circumstances or coverage in other areas is needed so sometimes people are missing or alone in the cafeteria for coverage. We are looking to hire an additional TA for Mrs. Mougili class so that will be an additional person in the cafeteria for coverage of the first lunch and that would be 4 Pre-K TA’s at first lunch. Everyone who is not a Pre-K. TA will be moved to help cover one of the other 2 lunch shifts.

d) Roberson-Idea for Attendance Initiative-“Attendance Avengers”
   i) Create a display in a common area to show each grade levels attendance for the month. Each month on announcements name the class with the highest attendance percentage per grade level and that class will receive a prize such as pizza party or choose prizes from treasure box. Receive certificate and traveling grade level Megaphone, free dress, etc.

IX. Adjournment-Meeting was closed out by Principal Olmstead
Next Meeting announced for Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 3:15p.m.-4:15p.m.