



McNamara Elementary School

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McNamara Elementary Shared Decision-Making Committee Minutes April 19, 2023 3:15 – 3:45

Members Present:

Toufic Elachkar – Principal, Chairperson
Bessie Carroll – Non-Instructional Staff
Carla Thomas – Professional Staff - Teacher
Zuleima Sinson – Professional Staff - Other
Traci Warren – Professional Staff - SPED Representative
Iris Mejia – Professional Staff - Teacher

Members Absent:

Sandra Alvarado – Parent
Martina Berrios – Parent
Carol Applebaum – Community Member

Agenda Items:

I. TEA

Principal Elachkar mentioned briefly that the TEA will install a board of managers to replace the current board of trustees in June 2023.

II. Budget

The preliminary budget for SY 2023-2024 is balanced. Current allocations are subject to change pending future decisions by TEA board of managers. Current budget plan will remain in place for the present time.

III. Hiring

We have been able to fill all positions that will be vacated at the end of this school year with good candidates.

IV. Testing

STAAR Testing will begin next week (2 days). The last scheduled testing day is May 9, 2023.

V. Summer School

We have been allotted 13 teachers for Summer School and 1 additional teacher from the Multilingual Dept. Repairs for the A/C system are scheduled for the summer, so classes will be held in the T-Buildings. No ancillary teachers will be hired for Summer School.

VI. Award Ceremonies

Award Ceremonies will be planned for the weeks of May 15th and May 22nd. Due to space limitations, each family will be limited to 2 (two) guests.

VII. Questions, Comments, Suggestions

Carla Thomas (Teacher) suggested that a playground be added or the existing playground be upgraded.