Mandarin Immersion Magnet School
School Decision-Making Committee
March 18, 2024

- Welcome

- Roles and Duties
  - Chairperson – Cindy Tiet
  - Minutes – Ms. Butler
  - Timekeeper – Ms. Angie Joe

- SDMC Meeting Schedule – Changes in dates or additional meetings may be held if needed
  - May 13, 2024 – We are in Quarter 3 / 1 more meeting remaining on the calendar

- Budget – State of the School
  - Enrollment – 787
  - Current Average Daily Attendance: Dropped from 98.1% to 97.7% to 97.2%, but increased to 97.3% (one of the highest attendance rates in the district / West Area).
    i. YTD Estimated Funding Lost Due to Absences: $69,792.58
  - Attendance Plan – 90% for MS already went out
  - Budget Meeting – this week so should have more information about 24-25 regarding curriculum – Staffing and Curriculum are key budget concerns.

- School Action Plan 23-24
  - Key Action #1: Increase student achievement of all students being served in special education as measured by their IEP goals and STAAR/STAAR-ALT performance in Reading and Math. Special Education Folder Review by district personnel – we got an A!
  - Key Action #2: Raise the level of student-teacher engagement with the use of multiple response strategies. ONGOING
  - Key Action #3: Strengthen literacy instruction across all grade levels by implementing effective instructional strategies focused on enhancing reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. ONGOING – RATES strategy for SCR/ECR
  - Key Action #4: Use Level Learning program to create and implement a Mandarin curriculum to reinforce content, vocabulary, and skill (including oral) standards for each grade level. Overview from Mr. Solomon – Vertical Alignment planning in place both here on campus and collaboration with Bellaire High School personnel is scheduled.

- Magnet Tours/School Choice
  - PreK Eligibility Assessment will start April 1.
  - PreK 3-4/Satellite campus – No longer a proposal due to staffing concerns and family considerations (sibling enrollment)
  - Number of Applicants –
i. PreK - 342
ii. K - 296
iii. 1st – 79
iv. 2nd – 63
v. 3rd – 53
vi. 4th – 37
vii. 5th – 26
viii. 6th – 286
ix. 7th – 31
x. 8th – 33

➢ Chapter 89 – cannot make anyone ineligible due to language – affecting language immersion schools here in the district.
➢ Notification of Phase 1 (your child was “matched” or “has a seat”) - March 26th.

• Other Events/Concerns/Updates:
  ➢ Staffing Updates:
    i. 4th/5th Grade Mandarin Teacher – Overview from Mr. Solomon on support for Ms. Zhao – issue with 5th graders having overlapped or repeated lessons with based on 4th grade expectations.
       1. Lessons
       2. Grading
       3. Time
       HISD has closed the hiring process. Interviews for a replacement next year continue.
    ii. Teacher Assistant Changes – Mr. Derrick Williams is gone from the SLL classroom due to a promotion. Mr. Gentry is filling the vacancy. Hourly employees are being utilized to take over Mr. Gentry’s duties.
    iii. Vacancies Posted for 24-25 - ELA 4th – 8th position; Bilingual 4th/5th position (Feng)
  ➢ GT Projects – Parent Inquiry – referred to Alice Liu/GT Coordinator for a list of sites offering a variety of GT Projects / Knowledge Fests on campus continue; Renzulli website is no longer available; TPSP site options discussed; extension menus should be encouraged.
  ➢ MIMS Dropoff and Pickup Procedures - look over the attachment provided by Ms. Tiet and provide any necessary feedback; Ms. Tiet will reach out to HISD Police for assistance with repeat violations.

In Attendance: C. Tiet, A. Solomon, R. Simpson, J. Russo, G. Silvera, Angie Joe, Jennifer Kapral, P. Butler

Respectfully submitted: P. Butler