

SDMC Meeting - Quarter 1

September 28, 2023

Agenda

- **Welcome:** Meeting began at 3:31 p.m. Ms. Hoang reviewed committee member numbers. Purpose of SDMC is principal advisor.
- **Roles and Duties:** Mr. Shankle, time keeper; Mrs. Larson, minutes taker
- **Parent Concerns:**
 - **New dismissal procedure by Hanieh Shadrokh** No Show
 - **Dismissal cones in the afternoon by Michelle Jackson, PTO President** Ms. Jackson reported concerns were from parent emails and teachers. Parents want to keep cones for the entire year. Once cones are no longer in use, the carpool will slow down. The custodians were picking up the cones at the end of the day as a favor to Ms. Hoang for only one more month of school. The custodians no longer want to pick up cones due to liability concerns. Suggestions included crossing guards holding a bigger group of kids before letting them cross. Noise and chaos were mentioned about the hallway, so students are not hearing when walkers are dismissed. Community member offered suggestions for walkers. The layout of the school may not work. Not all parents living in the neighborhood want to drive their car to pick up children. Safety is main concern.
 - **Monkey bars being off limits by Michelle Jackson, PTO President** Parents wanted to know why the bars were off limits. Was it a temporary or permanent decision? Mr. Shankle reported that the decision was made by the Safety Committee during the Safety and Security meeting. The decision was made due to multiple injuries related to students being on the monkey bars. Ms. Larson reported that the school nurse reported the bars were too high and not appropriate for an elementary campus, after a student had gotten hurt. Solutions: Fundraise for bar removal and new equipment. Mrs. Larson reminded parents that most teachers had recess equipment on their wish lists. Caution tape will be put on the bars. A safety message about why the monkey bars is off-limits will be added to the morning announcement.
 - **Updating the handbook by Michelle Jackson, PTO President** Did not discuss due to time constraints.
 - **Birthday treats at lunch by Michelle Jackson, PTO President** Did not discuss due to time constraints.
 - **Enrichment schedule by Michelle Jackson, PTO President** Students who are absent or during holidays are missing the Enrichment time. There is no time to collaborate on 2nd grade play and K play. Noah (student) said he wanted more variety. The parents said the current enrichment schedule was monotonous. The

workload was hard on the ancillary teachers and Mrs. Miller. Ms. Hoang recognized our large GT population and wanted to give students opportunities to be engaged in projects through a week-long enrichment for grades 2-5. Since this is new for Enrichment having to adapt from daily lessons to weekly lessons, it will be a work in progress. She envisions high-quality work and projects to happen during Enrichment. Dr. Buza, community member, spoke of her experience as an art teacher for 30+ years. It may be easier for a student to work on week-long art project but not in all classes. Some students who don't like the class may be bored on day 3 or 4. Ms. Hoang wants to finish the year as is and will reassess for next year.

- **School Store by Amy Gnau** Did not discuss due to time constraints.
- **Bobcat Bonanza by Amy Gnau** Did not discuss due to time constraints.
- **Recess Monitoring Val Shaikh** Did not discuss due to time constraints.

Non SDMC members were dismissed at 4:05 p.m.

- **State of the School**

- 730 projected students; 720 currently enrolled students
- PreK teacher was hired to teach at Computer Kids. This will bring 20 students more to our school numbers. PreK students do not have to be zoned to neighborhood school. PreK students who attend at Bush will have priority to stay at Bush for K. If they are out of zone, they will have to reapply.
- Data: Reading and Math STAAR: Meets is considered on grade level. Master's is above grade level. There were drops in scores from 2022 to 2023 in both Meets and master's categories. Mrs. Larson reported this may be due to the new STAAR 2.0 being online and more rigorous. Teachers are addressing the new expectations by using constructive responses, DOL and having students write critically. Community member, Shannon Matson, reported kids needed keyboarding. Jamie Brown reported 2nd grade was using Chrome books to help kids prepare.

- **LEAD Evaluation System 23-24**

- All members watched a video on how the principal will be evaluated.
- Effectiveness + Congruence = Rating
- High Quality Instruction 30%
- Action Plan 15%
- Student Achievement 35% (NWEA, State Accountability, Closing the Gap)
- Special Education 20% (Achievement, Compliance)
- Ms. Hoang asks the SDMC committee to complete the LEAD feedback survey. She will email the link to SDMC members.

- **School Action Plan Review**

- SDMC members reviewed plan.
- Concerns were brought up about meeting all student's needs especially the Emergent Bilingual (EB) students. PTO has list of parents who can translate, including Ukrainian. PD is needed for teachers. ESL classes being offered 2x a week starting in October. SDMC

members were asked for feedback on the School Action Plan. Mr. Shankle recommended adding K-12 Summit to Action Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.