



Oak Forest Elementary School
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SDMC Meeting Minutes

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Specific Agenda Items

- **School Time Changes**
 - Suggestion for what can we do to make things easier for students and parents:
 - After 3 Questions? Will the end time and tuition change?
 - How do we disseminate the time change to parents?
This should be accomplished through LT, Letter in the Wednesday Folders, Coffee with the principal, at the Board meeting and through the Parent Facebook Page.
Address that we are not a specialty school.
We understand that the change might affect you in these ways (tardies not hardline the first month of school).
In actuality students will be picked up at 7:20 and instruction begins at 7:30. Tardies will begin at 7:35.

- **Magnet Update:** In 2014 the amount of OFE zoned students was 500 students. In 2017 the number of our zoned students was 570. As our zoned population continues to increase, this leaves less room on our campus to accept magnet students. The districts magnifying qualifier is 20% of magnet nonzoned students. Currently OFE has 21% nonzoned students. What that means for the magnet program is that we will be accepting less incoming students each year as our zoned students' population increases. We can always remain our GT funding with GT students, however we might loss our magnet status if our numbers drop below 20%. We are currently investigating ways to keep our magnet status. We will be setting up community and parent meetings later this semester to discuss this issue.

- **PTA Survey:** Discussed results of survey. Parents and teachers indicated a strong interest in funding STEM initiatives at OFE. The new RFP process for asking for money from the PTA was also introduced.

AR: One of the funded initiatives that received some negative feedback was the AR program. After discussing the results it was articulated that parents did in fact like AR but wanted a similar type of program to celebrate the success students are making in Math and Science related areas. The committee will look into using potential programs such as dreambox and imagine math to celebrate student achievements.

- **Safety Concerns:**
 - Our campus had an intruder drill today. Both students and staff were very thorough in following the district's drills procedures.



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- Playground has low lying areas and mulch that have had work orders placed at the onset of the year. Due to Harvey work orders have been taking longer than normal. The slide on the fire engine has a gap that was fixed today but we are looking at a replacement part order.

➤ Upcoming Events

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 8th

➤ Additional Concerns/Comments:

Weingarten has put up new No Parking signs in their parking lots. This is both at the old Chase Bank and near Baskin Robins location.