LOVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SDMC MEETING AGENDA

February 27, 2014

**Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Principal Dawn Thompson**

**Members in Attendance:** Christa Lollis, Lucy Conley, Annemarie Cruz, Kurt Boyle, Leslie Chase, Dawn Thompson, Heather Gaines, Cara Boynton

**Review January minutes:** approved.

**Principal Updates: Reviewed Budget Updates, TEA School Accountability Updates 2014, SIP updates, and SDMC Drop-box**

* **Budget Updates:**
  + There has been a delay in HISD releasing the budget information for the upcoming school year.
  + The budget workshop was held today so the schools should know their budgets soon—this will be looked at in more detail next meeting.
  + Enrollment numbers were submitted for next year. Lovett’s enrollment estimate is 708 students. In October adjustments will be made based on actual numbers.
* **TEA School Accountability Updates 2014:**
  + Last year, schools were only judged on Index 1, 2, and 3 for STAAR ratings. This year Index 4 will be an added component.
  + Index 1 is based on student achievement: a pass/fail standard.
  + Index 2 is based on student progress: students are scored based on their growth from 3rd to 4th grade and from 4th to 5th grade.
  + Index 3 is based on closing the performance gaps: students who are economically disadvantaged and also in our two lowest performing groups will be looked out to see if there are any large or small gaps.
  + Index 4 is the new component based on postsecondary readiness: How many students would pass ONE of the STAAR test if we were basing this on the final standards that will be in place in 2015-2016.
  + Right now, we must meet all 4 index standards in order to have met progress—if not we will be labeled as a school that needs improvement.
  + The state is considering a grading system for school (A-F).
  + It was mentioned that we get a parent-friendly letter together discussing the scores needed/phases/standards explained—this was somewhat discussed at STAAR night, but can be looked into.
* **School Improvement Plan Updates:**
  + Our goals for the whole school was to increase our math scores from 44.2% to 60% and our reading from 62% to 80%. This cannot be determined until Stanford and STAAR scores come in.
  + This will be the last year the Stanford test will be given. Next year will be a new standardized test.
  + Our goal to involve parents more in understanding their child’s data and content being taught is going well. The parent workshop was very successful.
  + We are continuing to work on increasing our average daily attendance. Currently it is at 98%. The school is working with the truancy officer as well as tracking students with frequent absences. The school also has made a contest for the class with the highest attendance each month.
  + Our bullying programs have been going well with the students. Erica will work on a parent component when she returns. A student survey will be given at the end of the year.
* **SDMC Dropbox:**
  + There is now a virtual dropbox where any parent, community member, faculty member, etc. can submit concerns and suggests for SDMC to discuss. This is on the SDMC tab on the school website.
  + There is also a physical form that can be completed in the office.

**2014-2015 Planning: Extended Day, Parent Handbook:**

* **Extended Day:**
* Discussed current practices: students have snack time, recess, homework time, and activity time.
* Currently around 200 students enrolled (2 classes per grade level).
* Lovett is looking at making changes next year—other schools have been shadowed to obtain more ideas on how to improve the quality of extended day.
* Our goal is to create a stronger program—this will likely consist of increasing the cost of the extended day program.
* Members were asked to get more input from the community and parents on how to improve the program, as well as how they would feel about an increased cost.
* **Parent Handbook:** This will be sent out to SDMC members before the next meeting so it can be reviewed and edited as needed.

**SDMC Upcoming Meeting Dates @ 3:30:**

* **March 27th**
* **April 24th**

**Meeting dismissed at 4:45 p.m.**