LOVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SDMC MEETING AGENDA

January 23, 2014

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

**Members in Attendance:** Christa Lollis, Lucy Conley, Annemarie Cruz, Erica Zatzkin, Kurt Boyle, Leslie Chase, LaShone Hartzog, Dawn Thomson, Heather Gaines, Cara Boynton

**Review November minutes:** approved.

**Principal Updates: Reviewed 12-13 budget updates, Personnel updates, Summer School Updates, Parent Workshops, Magnet Update/Neighborhood Registration, Recipe for Success, Power of One Bullying Program, Class Size Updates, Technology Updates**

* **12-13 Budget Updates:**
  + Due to increased enrollment we have $165,000 extra in the budget.
  + We also closed the 1st grade position opening, so we regained money that way.
  + Rollover funds from last year are $152,000.
  + We plan to use the funds to meet student needs as closely as possible.
* **Personnel Updates:**
  + We have added an intervention teacher who will remain to help even when Erica Zatzkin returns from maternity leave.
  + At the time, we have not hired a 1st grade teacher.
  + We are continuing to monitor numbers for 14-15 to determine if we will need to hire a 1st grade teacher
* **Summer School:**
  + This will be funded by Title I funds, as well as within the campus budget.
  + Dates have not been set yet.
  + Discussed that in the next meeting we will talk about what summer school should look like.
  + Possibly expand summer school to beyond students that have not met standards and include enrichment opportunities
* **Parent Workshops:**
  + The idea is to increase the school-home connection and to reach parents that normally would be hard to communicate with.
  + The first workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 12:45.
  + Parents will first be divided into K-2 and 3-5, where an administrator will lead the meeting. Parents will then be sent to their individual grade levels.
  + Each parent will receive a file folder with specific data about their child, as well as where their child falls in comparison to other children in their grade level.
  + Parents will not only be given information, but are to be taught hands on strategies that can be applied at home.
  + It was suggested to possibly have parent mentors and/or parent phone numbers who they can call if they are uncomfortable approaching the teacher.
  + It was also suggested to possibly extend this to all parents in the next year or two.
* **Magnet Updates:**
  + Discussed that we are seeing a trend that students who are not getting in to Lovett are moving so they are zoned to the school.
  + The goal is to reach out to the neighborhood population and do more marketing.
  + March 4th will be the Nieghborhood Open House
  + April 3rd will be the Magnet Open House
  + Registration packets are being updated to be more specific to either neighborhood or magnet families.
  + A realtor breakfast will be held to provide them with information to give to prospective families.
  + This year we have received 800 applications—last year was 650. This could be due to the new online system.
  + As of now, no applications will be pulled for grades 2, 4, and 5 because of the current numbers.
  + Siblings are not guaranteed…hoping to accept 20 siblings.
  + Classes can be capped, but we can also obtain a certain amount of waivers. We have waivers in 1st, 3rd and 4th grades
* **Recipe for Success:**
  + Seed to Plate Program piloting in 2nd grade., but hope to expand to the whole school.
  + Luby’s/Fuddruckers is our angel affiliate.
  + Kickoff was postponed due to weather, but the garden build will still be on Saturday, January 25, 2014.
  + The program includes a culinary and gardening side.
  + Ms. Goldmann, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Austin, and Ms. Conley have been trained and will be leading the lessons.
* **Power of One Bullying Program:**
  + An assembly was help the week of January 13, 2014. K-3 and 4-5 received different, but similar programs.
  + Included an artistic, acting out of what bullying looks like, what to do if you’re being bullied, and what to do if you see bullying.
  + The main message was that each student has the power to be the change, the power of one.
  + The whole school will sign a pledge card to be displayed.
  + In spring, a new survey will be administered to students and parents on byllying.
  + There were questions about Mrs. Zatzkin holding a bullying session for parents.
* **Class Size Updates: no additional waivers at this time.**
* **Technology Updates:**
  + The plan is to use part of the budget to add iPads to grades 3-5.
  + Headphones will be updated and grade levels will be given sets to share.
  + We will also be looking at computers in the lab and laptops to see if any replacements or upgrades need to be made.

**STAAR Test Updates/Discussion:**

* A concern was brought up that students are taking an excessive number of practice tests and that teachers are only teaching to the test.
* Discussed that teachers are teaching to the TEKS, not to the test, and that the campus is trying to take the “fear” out of standardized testing.
* Formative assessments, small groups, and differentiation are becoming a priority in classrooms to properly meet students’ needs.
* Students who are taking the practice tests will be able to view their scores with their teachers, match them to the TEK/Objective, and receive more individualized instruction.

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

* Asked SDMC to think about these things and be ready to discuss/review in the upcoming meetings.

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

* **Sepember 26th**
* **October 24th**
* **January 23rd**
* **February 27th**
* **March 27th**
* **April 24th**

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