SDMC Meeting Minutes October 26, 2017

- 1. Review and approval of minutes from September.
- 2. IB Curriculum re: second language acquisition, specifically the quantity and quality of Spanish language instruction at Poe.

Mrs. Castro is an hourly employee and when absent there is not a substitute teacher for her. So, sometimes, a class is skipped. Up until this year, Mrs. Castro has created her own curriculum which is very hard to do. This year, we now have a curriculum provided by the district. Not all classes have Spanish. The IB requirement is for 2nd through 5th grade so those are the classes that receive instruction. Now that we have textbooks and a curriculum, our teacher can follow an authorized scope and sequence. She is going to report to the administrators at the end of the first semester. She says it is much better for her with a book to guide her. Ms. Baldwin stated that she has had her first Spanish lesson using the new books.

3. Other

Lockers- this topic comes up each year. Everyone wants lockers. Only 2nd and 3rd grade have them. There is no space to add other lockers anywhere without violating fire codes.

Enrollment- there was a discussion about the overcrowding and the committee asked if we would be rezoned. Mr. Amerson stated that he has asked in the past and that until last year, the numbers did not support rezoning. The district revisits the topic of school numbers and zoning each year for each campus. At this time, it is not known if there will be rezoning to alleviate numbers or not.

New building outback- The topic of a new building that would include classrooms and a performing arts space. This has been a dream for years but the district determines new spaces and buildings through a comprehensive assessment survey done by a 3rd party that then leads to bond elections. It is not a decision a school makes.

School start times survey- There was a discussion about the survey for school start times for next year. Mr. Amerson explained this is all about transportation. One teacher said the choices were bad, worse, and worst.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 25.