

Cage Elementary & Project Chrysalis Middle School
SDMC Agenda
March 25, 2022

- **School updates**
 - PK Playground/Large Playground
 - Ice Machine
 - Exterior Painting
 - Science, Art and Garden Club Projects
 - SMART TV, Technology, and Materials Orders
- **Plans for Next School Year**
 - Cage/PCMS Classroom Restructure
 - Grade Level Changes (Possible teacher movement/transfer)
- **Tutorials**
 - Saturdays for 3rd-8th Continue thru April (Except April 16)
 - Begin for 1st & 2nd April and May (2 per week)
- **May/June Planning Sessions**
 - Saturday Planning Spring Cleaning
 - Grade level
 - Vertical
- **STAAR Testing May 10-11**
 - 3rd grade lock in
 - Pep Rally before?
 - Field Trips for PK-2nd
 - Some trips may no longer be allowed-please see Ms. Barrera
 - Time constraints due to new budget and field trip approval rules
 - Chaperones must go through the online course (Raptor)
- **Field Day**
 - PK-Kinder
 - TBD
 - First -Fifth
 - May 20, 2022
- **End of Year**
 - **Folders**
 - Check out sheet with instructions forthcoming
 - **Ceremonies**
 - Ideas by grade level
 - Grade Level Fundraiser ideas
- **Summer School**
 - **Location: Tentative-May be at Lantrip ES**
 - **Dates & Times:**
 - PK -K Bilingual-June 9 -July 7; 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
 - 1st-8th June 13-July 7; 7:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **Open Transfer Period**
 - April 4 -April 29
- **Questions, Concerns**

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**Minutes of the Shared Decision-Making Committee
March 25, 2022**

The Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) for Cage Elementary and Project Chrysalis Middle School met on March 25, 2022. The members present were: Mayra Nieto, Maria Padron, Beatriz Aguilar, Aurora Rosales, Jasmine Perez, Christina Guerra, Andrew De La Rosa, Monica Velasquez, Yolanda Mitchison, Isis Garcia, Krystal Garcia, Kristina Smith-O'Neil, Ricardo Arrazate, Gloria Freitag, Natasha Valle, Margaret Terrell, Maria Gardner, Araceli Martinez, and Lisa Rodriguez

Dr. Rodriguez welcomed the committee members and began discussing the items on the agenda. School updates were the first item on the agenda including the fact that the PK playground had been re-done with fresh mulch so that the early childhood group can play on it safely again. The committee members were also informed that the administration and Garden clubs on campus are looking for donations and volunteers to help re-construct the large playground as it also has roots growing up and around the play area making it dangerous for our students. Ms. Martinez, our Wrap Around Specialist is applying for help through an area high school in hopes of acquiring gardening help and trees, shrubs, and bushes for our campus as well. Our ice machine has been broken for the last two years and the school is searching for ways to fundraise to be able to pay for the repair and get it working again. Additionally, we have set aside some funds to be able to paint the exterior of the building where the paint is peeling to refresh the buildings around the campus perimeter and inside the courtyards so an HISD crew will be coming out over the weekend to paint in the next couple of weeks. We were also fortunate enough to be able to set aside funds to purchase more SMART TVS (CLEVER Touch) for more of our classrooms and those will be installed in April for 16 classrooms. Lastly, for those grade levels that submitted materials requests those orders have been placed and we should be receiving orders in the next few weeks as well.

Plans for next school year were also discussed including the fact that we will be restructuring grade level locations and classrooms so that Grade PK-5 will be in the main building and 6-8 will use the T-buildings next school year. Also, due to our enrollment, there will be grade level changes for some teachers. Teachers impacted will be informed soon after budget meetings are completed and within the transfer period.

In order to be able to plan ahead and be prepared for next year, the school will be open in May and June for Saturday Planning Session for grade level and vertical team planning.

As the STAAR test approaches, tutorials will begin to wind down. Saturday tutorials will end April 20, 2022 and Weekly tutorials for grades 3-8 will end the week of May 2, 2022. First and second grade team leads were informed they may begin weekly tutorials twice a week in April

and May if they so choose. Third grade will host their annual lock in May 6th, from 3 pm to 9 pm wherein students will be able to play games, watch movies, have a dance party and enjoy themselves to get excited for the STAAR test. Ms. Nieto suggested a Pep Rally for the testing grade levels and will work with other grade levels to put on a parade/pep rally before testing begins.

Now that the majority of Covid-restraints are lifted, field trips are allowed, PK-2nd grade have the opportunity to go off-campus while STAAR is administered to 3rd-8th graders. However, some trips may no longer be available or allowed so please see Ms. Barrera, time constraints are also going to be an issue and chaperones must go through the Raptor to get cleared so if your grade level wants to go on trips, it will take careful, thoughtful planning.

Also discussed was the fact that for the first time in almost three years, field day is back, Field day for Cage will take place May 20, 2022, 8th grade field day is June 1, 6th grade field day is June 2, and 7th grade field day is June 3rd from 8 to 12:00.

Lastly end of year close out processes were also discussed, including folder reviews, end of year ceremony ideas by grade level, fundraising ideas for each grade level and Summer school dates June 13-July 7, 2022.

There were no questions at the end as questions were answered as we discussed each topic.