

Patterson Literature Magnet School
SDMC Meeting
September 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M.

Members present: J. Gonzalez, L. Mejia, E. Puente, D. Bently, S. TerHerkel, K. Barfield, Mrs. Carrion, A. Manning, I. Suerte, C. Nicklaus, A. Adams, V. Landers

Safety and Security –

Gates on Allendale – gates will remain closed, so teachers will need to leave through the teacher lot. The gates are not locked, so teachers leaving need to open and then close the gates behind them.

Gates for teacher parking lot are now being installed. Key cards will be needed to enter teacher parking lot. See Ms. Garza in the office if you have lost your card. Teachers need to make sure they keep vehicles locked as there are break-ins occurring both here and at the church. Don't leave anything of value in your car.

Arrival and dismissal – procedures are working much better and traffic is moving smoothly.

Inclement weather plan – Mr. Smith is working on details – this will probably happen in November.

Crossing Guard – we have a new crossing guard by the name of Mrs. Jacquelyn Taylor.

Kinder and Pre-K teachers need to make sure that the door stops on their hall doors coming from the front office area remain up. The door stops fall down when the door is opened, and then the doors stand open and the hall is not secure.

Teachers are asked to keep an eye on the school yard fence and report any damage right away.

Budget –

Recapture – 2016-2017 – A video prepared by the district was presented. The video concerned the “Robin Hood” school funding model, the recapture payment required by HISD, and the vote coming on November 8. The option to the recapture payments is that the state will take commercial property from HISD and reassign it to other “property poor” districts.

Enrollment membership is 938 students as of Monday, September 19, 2016. We are seven students away from our projected enrollment.

Attendance – 98.5% year to date. Last year attendance was 97.6%. Pre-K attendance is a concern.

Class size waivers – Kinder has three waiver classes, First Grade has two waiver classes, and Third Grade has one waiver class (a total of 6).

Curriculum and Staff Development –

Dual Language teachers will attend district in-service, reading teachers will attend in-service at Bonner (our SSO will present on Fig.19). Math and science teachers will attend staff development at Patterson.

School Improvement Plan –

SIP was sent electronically to all committee members for review prior to meeting, and is available for review in the office. SDMC reviewed the sections of the SIP. Discussion centered on the goals for Third Grade math and reading, Fourth Grade writing, Pre-K and Second Grade attendance, number of both in school and out of school suspensions, successful implementation of new dismissal procedure to eliminate traffic congestion, increased PTO membership, maintain highly effective health care programs, increase number of students meeting on-grade level standards, funding sources, and required health care items completed by the school nurse. SDMC members to approve the SIP document. SIP will now be presented to the faculty for a vote.

Concerns – Questions – Ants are a problem, both on the playground and in the building. Cafeteria issues are a concern. There seem to be too many students, not enough table space, and no turn-around time between grade levels. Suggestion to number the lunch cards according to alphabetical order. Another concern is that some teachers don't mark students tardy. This creates a problem when there are siblings with differentiating tardies. Remember early dismissal this week and faculty meeting next week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 P.M.