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SDMC Meeting April 12, 2023

Agenda

- Review school calendar activities
- STAAR pep rally
- STAAR incentives update
- 5th grade graduation ceremony update
- SDMC survey
- Miscellaneous

Minutes

- Mr. Alarcón went over the school calendar and reviewed the upcoming events for the rest of the year. The events that were reviewed include: STAAR test administrations, after-school tutorials for science and math after the Reading STAAR test, the possibility of after-school tutorials for 2nd grade and 3rd grade bilingual classes after all STAAR test administrations, the STAAR incentive to Moody Garden in Galveston, the PK and K-5th field days, summer school dates, and the end of year ceremony rehearsals and actual ceremonies.
- For the STAAR pep rally, we will do a parade departing from Edison Middle School. The parade will include the 3rd-5th grade students, the marching band and cheerleaders from Austin High School. Edison Middle School will be participating in the parade as well (to be confirmed). The parade's proposed route would start at Edison MS, proceed to Avenue H, turn right at 72nd street, then turn right at canal St. to gate 1 to enter the campus. PK-2nd students will be asked to create banners with encouraging messages for the 3rd-5th grade students. Parents will be invited to see the parade on any of the streets on the parade route.
- For the 5th grade graduation ceremony, we have a guest speaker (Precinct 6 Constable Sylvia Trevino) and a music band (from Tijerina Elementary). Ms. Armenta mentioned a quote has been



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requested for caps and gowns. Depending on the quote, we will determine if we can afford to buy them (to be reused every year) or to rent them. We are going to be selling promotion t-shirts (class of 2023) to raise funds in case the caps and gowns are expensive.

- Mr. Alarcón mentioned that everyone on the committee had been sent the required survey to be completed for this year. Mr. Alarcón asked everyone to complete the survey by the end of the week.
- During the miscellaneous section, Mr. Alarcón mentioned that summer school will take place at DeZavala Elementary again this year, the possibility to use funds to pay for access cards to add a layer of protection to the school. During the meeting, Ms. Santos expressed that there should be a way to protect our classroom doors in case of an unfortunate event or tragedy. She mentioned that teachers could use a chair to block the classroom doors since they are not bullet-proof. The district will be contacted to express this concern and ask about possible trainings and ways to address this matter.