

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

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SDMC Meeting December 15, 2021

Agenda

- 1. Welcome message
- 2. What is working around the school?
- 3. What needs to be improved?
- 4. Miscellaneous

Minutes

Members of the SDMC meeting were able to compare the items of the beginning of the year survey and provided feedback based on the improvement on each item listed on the survey.

What do you think is working effectively at Benjamin Franklin?

- Relationship Building
 - Teachers and Head Start staff feel more comfortable talking to office staff and leadership team
- Great sense of community
 - o Relationship with parents has become better
- Students are well-behaved
 - o No behavior issues, six years ago, behavior it was a big problem at Franklin ES
- Celebrating faculty and staff
 - o Leadership team is doing a good job with celebrations
 - Great food
 - Students making announcement is amazing

What do you think is not working at Benjamin Franklin?

- Organization
 - Is getting better, meetings are scheduled ahead of time
- Structure
 - o Faculty and staff are getting more flexible at providing support when needed
- Communication
 - The way of communicating information to teachers needs to improve, not everyone knows about class dojo messages
- Systems in place
 - o Our campus is getting better at maintaining and monitoring systems in place
- Building maintenance
 - Thinks around the campus are getting fixed: a/c, rats, mice



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What ideas or suggestions do you have for Benjamin Franklin to move forward?

- More parental involvement
 - o More parental participation is happening this year
- After school clubs
 - We would like to have the following clubs: ballet folklorico, YMCA, boys and girls club,
 National Honor society, Garden club
- More interventions
 - We are doing a great job with interventions this year, not only assisting students in closing the academic gaps but also coaching teachers
- Student awards and incentives
 - o Students are excited about the incentives and look forward to coming to school
- Systems in place
 - o Home-visits are working
 - o Dismissal procedures are better than previous years