



Condit Elementary School

Meeting Date: 2.23.2022

2021-2022 SDMC Members in attendance: Dan Greenberg, Rachel Cruz, Derek Sirmans, Kayla Farrell, Holly Ames, Chanel Bonnee, Judy Harwell,

1. Welcome
2. Safety Committee Updates
 - a. HISD COVID guidance has changed since the last meeting, the district no longer requires contact tracing, but classes are still being alerted if there is a positive case.
3. Ms. Nieto, Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Committee
 - a. Update from last Title 1 Meeting on Virtual Safety - attendance was higher than normal, post pandemic. This last meeting (yesterday) was not well attended, there is a virtual version tomorrow, 2/24/2022.
 - b. What suggestions do you have for the April Title 1 Meeting? Parents appreciated the timing of talking about STAAR with parents; they also enjoyed the Leader in Me as a main topic to talk through with parents. Bellaire Little League may be impacting attendance. Consider the morning meeting right after dropoff when gathering is allowed.
4. Superintendent House Strategic Plan
 - a. Presentation was made to the board last week and more will be shared in the coming weeks, including staffing models and changes to compensation and the overall budget.

- b. Changes to funding and staffing will have an impact on all schools, Mr. Greenberg will communicate changes that will affect Condit as they become known.

5. SDMC Voice of Concern Submissions

- a. Concern 1: Masking policy should change. Response: that is an HISD decision, not a Condit decision; when policy changes the campus will respond accordingly.
- b. Concern 2: Parents should be informed about funds available to HISD students. There should be more homework in 5th grade. Response: the district sends out information via all communication platforms about these funds, when materials are sent to schools we include them in Wednesday folders. Regarding homework, please reach out to your child's teacher regarding work that students should be completing at home.
- c. Concern 3: Masking policy should change. Response: that is an HISD decision, not a Condit decision; when policy changes the campus will respond accordingly.
- d. Concern 4: Concern about missing instructional time. Response: when policy changes that allows students to mix, we will bring students in early and we will be able to begin school with a 7:40 tardy bell. As it stands now, we aren't able to bring students in until teachers are on duty and that begins at 7:25pm. Similarly, we try to minimize dismissal procedures, but it takes time to dismiss 740 students and we want to do that in a way that is expedient, but also safe.
- e. Concern 5: Masking policy should change. Response: that is an HISD decision, not a Condit decision; when policy changes the campus will respond accordingly.
- f. Concern 6: There should be a campus vote for school uniforms. Response from November 2021 SDMC Meeting: one parent shared they previously had kids at a school with uniforms and didn't see the difference. If this was

going to be considered we would need to do a schoolwide survey. Teachers shared they don't see a need at this time. The concern mentioned research that showed effectiveness of school uniforms, several members wanted to read that research. The improvements mentioned in the concern are currently addressed at Condit through community building. Also, adding something like this means an additional admin requirement to monitor and respond to dress code violations.

- g. Concern 7: Intervention classes should take place before or after school.

Response: Condit is only fully staffed during school hours, and is not able to provide the staff necessary for after school or before school in every situation. If you would like to opt out of in-school intervention, please contact your classroom teacher with that request and we will discuss the specific situation. At Condit we have lots of students pulled out for different reasons, we do our best to minimize drawing attention, especially for our kids in upper grades.

- h. Concern 8: School should start earlier so children can eat breakfast before class. Response: In addition to the information in Concern 4 above regarding start time, HISD nutrition services recommends breakfast in the classroom, during school hours.

- i. Concern 9: Masking should end due to potential long term effects on language and socialization. Response: Response: that is an HISD decision, not a Condit decision; when policy changes the campus will respond accordingly.

6. Follow up items

- a. HISD COVID Guidance - no changes to masking at this time, but the last board meeting included a statement that the policy could be changing in the coming weeks. If those changes happen, Mr. Greenberg will communicate them to the community.

7. Comments, concerns, & questions

- a. Parents shared a concern about a first grade room that has a bathroom septic issue? This is not the case; while there have been plumbing issues on campus from time to time, there is no classroom that has a perpetual odor or drainage issues. Thanks.

Our next SDMC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 25, 2022