



De Zavala Elementary School

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SDMC Minutes

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Welcome

De Zavala Meeting Norms:

Stay Focused

Stay Reflective

Stay Positive

Stay Involved

MISSION STATEMENT

De Zavala Elementary School provides a challenging learning environment and encourages high expectations for success. We seek the development of appropriate and rigorous instruction that is differentiated to meet all our students' needs. Our school promotes the development of a well-rounded student through a rigorous academic curriculum and opportunities to learn and enhance new skills in our after-school clubs. We proudly foster high parent, teacher, and community member involvement in the goal to create life-long learning members of society.

VISION STATEMENT

De Zavala Elementary encourages and aims in providing equitable opportunities and equal access to an effective and individualized education in a safe and caring environment. We believe in addressing the "whole child" and that all children can and will learn if given the proper resources. Our students will develop the foundation of becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers; they will know and understand how to be successful in a global society.

- Safety and Security

Ms. Orozco-Martinez starts the meeting welcoming members and expressing appreciation for their hard work. Ms. Orozco-Martinez stresses the importance to be vigilant regarding the CDC guidelines and protocols to follow in school. The 4 W's are mentioned (Wear a mask, Watch distance, Wash hands, and When sick stay home). Ms. Orozco-Martinez highlights the importance of addressing safety concerns promptly (right away). Any issue involving a suicidal content should be taken seriously and an immediate action is expected. In school, we have our nurse and administrators to be contacted immediately when needed. Referrals of other nature (not urgent) regarding services can be done with our Wraparound Specialist.

Staff members are expected to arrive on time to classrooms and designated areas to ensure the safety of our students and to maximize the instructional time from the beginning of the day. Students enter school at 7:25 a.m. Teachers are expected to be in classrooms by 7:30 a.m.

- Budget

We are expecting a decrease in enrollment. New students in Pre-Kindergarten should make up for the 75 students in Fifth grade that will leave the school at the end of the year. Based on this, some changes will need to be made regarding assignments. A survey sent to teachers regarding their plans for the next school year helps the school to plan changes in assignments. It is convenient to know as soon as possible if teachers will retire or if teachers will not come back to the school. Teachers can also use the transfer period. For next year, it may be necessary to have split grades based on enrollment. When a transfer is needed, appraisals, certifications, years in school, and the needs of the school are considerations in the decision-making process. The school is allocating some funding to the purchase of technology carts for teachers, monitors, and docking stations.

- STAAR Testing

During the STAAR week from Tuesday, May 11, until Friday, May 14, students in grades PK-2 will have asynchronous instruction. Students in grades 3-5 will go to school to only take the test. On Monday, May 10, 2021, all students will have regular school. We are brainstorming ideas to make sure attendance is taking place daily at 7:30 a.m. during testing week.

- Other

There are some repairs pending (Gate on 76 St. and Air Conditioner). Maintenance Department will be contacted to follow up on work orders.

Summer School funding will include about 11 teachers based on draft participation of students (164 students). Teachers participating in Summer School will not have to teach virtual and in person students at the same time. The structure of Summer School allows teachers to concentrate on one mode of learning at a time. The hours will be longer than the usual.

Ms. Orozco-Martinez takes a moment to thank the members of the SDMC committee for their participation and commitment. With no more questions nor comments the SDMC meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Ms. Orozco-Martinez, Ms. DeLuna, Ms. Gomez, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Perez, Ms. Marino, Ms. Vasquez, Mr. Velez, Mr. Cantu, Ms. Sanchez, and Mr. Rodriguez



One Community, One Mission: Student Excellence.