



# GARY L. HEROD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## SDMC Minutes March 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Those attending included Daphne Richard, Teri Marsh, David Tesch, Arcelia Diaz, Marcella Melancon, Yanira Hernandez, Todd Paulus, Bryan Bancroft, Brian Castle, Tiffany McGlory, Sandy Zarwulkoff, Priscilla Valdez, and Vicki Wallin.

**Recapture Vote on May 6:** Mr. Bancroft shared information provided by Houston ISD about the recapture vote on May 6. He provided a district-created flyer and a web address for more information. [www.houstonisd.org/recapture](http://www.houstonisd.org/recapture)

**Herod Auction:** Vicki Wallin reported that the auction raised about \$36,000, the highest proceeds ever. Mr. Bancroft explained Vicki's roll as parent involvement specialist. Suggestions for next year include more advertising of teacher outings to students, previewing auction items on-line, and involving Ms. Roberson in the creation of class art projects. Ms. Wallin reported that the "mock-in" earned the most proceeds of any item this year, and the suggestion was also made that two mock-ins be offered next year, one for K-2 and one for 3-5. Ms. Wallin also reported that she will recruit more event sponsors next year, and thanked HEB for providing appetizers for a pre-auction event.

**Garden Update:** The effort to clear the garden of weeds, etc., has been successful; special thanks to Eagle Scouts who assisted this community effort. Mr. Bancroft reported that Maya Schwartz's mother is leading the effort to re-create the garden area. Mr. Bancroft reported that the new gate lock will be a combination lock for which teachers can obtain the combination. Mr. Bancroft reported that a high number of ant beds were found during the clean-up, and teachers should use caution in bringing their classes at this time. Mr. Tesch suggested mapping the plots and allowing classes to sign up for one. Mr. Bancroft reported that hiring someone to teach a gardening enrichment class is under consideration for next year, and that the Eagle Scouts will continue to be involved in maintaining the garden.

**STAAR Testing Dates:** Mr. Bancroft provided a handout with all district STAAR dates identified. He also explained that STAAR results are no longer being used as a part of teacher evaluations. Lower grades are adopting upper grades to provide encouragement/cheerleading: Kinder with 5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> with 4<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> with 3<sup>rd</sup>. A pep rally will be staged this Friday afternoon with the Bellaire cheerleaders visiting Herod, which was arranged by Ms. St. Germain