



GARY L. HEROD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SDMC Agenda

November 9, 2016

3:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Those in attendance included Daphne Richard, Teri Marsh, David Tesch, Arcelia Diaz, Jennifer Lyle, Yanira Hernandez, Todd Paulus, Bryan Bancroft, Michelle Turek, Tiffany McGlory, Sandy Zarwulkoff, and Cecilia Freedman.

1. **Approve minutes from last meeting:** Minutes unanimously approved.
1. **HISD 2017 – 2018 Calendar:** Ms. Turek announced that parents and staff can vote on the HISD website for the preferred calendar for 2017-2018. Possible changes include a holiday for the entire week of Thanksgiving.
2. **HISD recapture update:** Ms. Turek announced that the recapture proposal on the ballot did not pass.
3. **Feedback of Literacy and Fall Fest:**
Literacy Night: Performances were excellent, turnout was good, and Mr. Tesch reported that students and parents seemed to be very engaged in Literacy Night activities. The event was well-organized. Sandy Zarwulkoff reported that more signage is needed for the food trucks. Cecelia Freedman reported that cancelling the costume contest was a good decision from a parent perspective.

Fall Fest: The event was well-organized and an enjoyable event for parents, students and staff. Ms. Freedman reported that the PTO netted \$1,400 in profits. The possibility of charging a separate fee for the dunking booth next year was proposed, as well as the need to make sure that no children have access to the booth. More volunteers were needed for the second shift. Attendance was estimated at 450. It was also proposed that an officer be hired for security next year. Ms. Zarwulkoff proposed that more physical activities like golf or an obstacle course be added to provide an outlet for student energy.

4. Morning drop off with dads:

Dads are assisting during morning drop-off on Mondays and Fridays. Jaywalking has been reduced significantly and the crosswalks are being used much more consistently. If more volunteers can be recruited, the program could be expanded to cover additional days.

5. Other business:

- Ms. Diaz reported that the Student Council Toy Drive is coming up in December.
- Ms. Freedman reported that the Herod Auction will take place on February 18. The theme will be Mardi Gras. The committee is working to collect donations earlier and circulate a catalog well in advance. She also proposed that the class baskets become a part of the Fall Fest next year instead of the auction. Teacher cost is \$25 per person, parents \$35 for early purchase, \$40 in advance, or \$50 at the door.
- Mr. Paulus reported that Vanguard Saturday testing is coming up, and this could provide a fundraising opportunity for Student Council or Theater by selling snacks.
- The SDMC committee voted not to meet in December. Next meeting will be in January.
- The committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m.