

The Rice School K-8
SDMC Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024

Meeting start time was 4:15 p.m.

Meeting was called to Order. The members present are reflected on the sign-in sheet.

New Business

- School Improvement Plan (SIP) Review
- School Safety
- Budget
- Curriculum - District
- National Magnet Certification Ceremony
- Professional Development Day 2/19/2024

Meeting Minutes:

Our SDMC meeting began at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) – Formative reviews are ongoing throughout the school year as we reflect on our progress. These formative reviews assist us as we determine if our SIP goals are being met. We provide evidence and rate measurable objectives for Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

School Safety – Locked Doors both exterior and classroom are continuously monitored by Campus Officer and Administrative Staff. Texas Education Agency officers are monitoring schools throughout the Houston ISD. Monthly Fire Drills, Intruder and Shelter-in-Place Drills are current. We will continue each month in accordance with HISD guidelines. Morning and Afternoon supervision by teachers and staff demonstrate excellent teamwork to keep students safe.

Budget – Projections for student enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year have been calculated for 1,200 students. In accordance with guidelines from HISD's Academics department, The Rice School is part of the Campus Seat Expansion group. We were asked to increase our "open seats" as a highly sought after Magnet School. Our elementary classes will have a 22:1 ratio for Grades K-4. Our Grade 5 will reflect a 25:1 ratio. Middle School Grades 6-8 will reflect a 29:1 ratio. Meeting our projected enrollment and daily attendance will directly impact our budget.

Curriculum – The TEA Interim assessments provide us with data to determine which students are on target for passing grade level standards. House Bill 1416 tutorials are ongoing for Grades 4-8. Parent conferences are held and documented for each student who qualifies for HB1416. Tutorials are held before school and afterschool. A powerful resource, IXL, has been purchased for all students in Grades 3-8. Teachers are implementing it to enhance skills in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. This online tool will help prepare students for the online STAAR. Rice will implement the district curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year.

National Magnet Certification Ceremony – We will celebrate our award as a Nationally Certified Magnet Campus on Friday, March 8, 2024. Rice is one of four HISD schools to receive this award this year. In April, an awards ceremony will be held in New York City. We will also celebrate our 30 years as The Rice School which was established in 1994.

Professional Development Day – February 19, 2024. Teachers will receive PD in High Quality Instruction (HQI).

Other business – Rice University School Mathematics Project will be held March 2, 2024, and our teachers are invited as shared by Dr. Anne Papakonstantinou.

Our next SDMC meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.