



# T.H. ROGERS SCHOOL

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## **SDMC MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 11, 2022**

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The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

The meeting started with a Check-In from committee members.

The committee discussed agenda items as follows:

- Budget/Enrollment – The current enrollment is approximately 968. Mrs. Chenier explained that though our projected enrollment is 961, we are still a few students shy of our projection because we have 11 students enrolled as Homebound students.
- Attendance – Compulsory and 90% Rule – Mrs. Chenier explained the compulsory attendance mandates that students must remain enrolled in school upon enrolling in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. She further explained that all students must attend school for at least 90% of the days that instruction was offered for a class to receive credit for the class or a final grade, regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused. A student who does not satisfy the 90% rule will earn a grade of NG (NG = no grade).
- The committee discussed the appeals process for elementary/middle school students and for students taking high school courses. The committee also discussed the protocols for appeals, including the formation of an Attendance Committee to review and process attendance appeals for extenuating circumstances on a case- by-case basis according to district policies and procedures.

- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

The campus is using the BASE SEL program. Students started the first module, which covers bullying and cyberbullying. The next module for middle school student is suicide prevention. Though reports of suicidal ideation have decreased significantly, in past years there has been concern about the number of students expressing suicidal ideation, depression, and mental/emotional distress.

- Calendar Updates

School events and activities are current on the school website, and they are updated monthly as changes are noted.

- BOY Assessment Data

The committee did not discuss the data, but Mrs. Chenier stated she will share it at the PTO meeting.

- 60th Year Anniversary

We will kick off the 60th Anniversary at the Fall Carnival.

- Questions, Comments, Suggestions

The parents on the committee raised the topic of cultural celebrations, specifically Diwali. They shared that some parents are concerned about whether we will have the Diwali celebration. Mrs. Chenier shared that we will continue to celebrate our cultures but that we need to consider international festivals to ensure that we are celebrating all cultures and to avoid celebrating religious events as opposed to culture. The committee discussed options for a fall and a spring International Festival during the 2023-2024 school year and options for an International Festival in the Spring only for this school year. The committee discussed Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Lunar New Year as non-religious events that are honored nationally and locally, as well as months that celebrate the very diverse student groups that represent our school community. Ultimately, the committee decided it would be best to meet with the parents who organized Diwali to discuss other options. Administrators have already met with other parents to address concerns and options for celebrating our Muslim community.

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.