



Garden Oaks Elementary

“A Place Where Children Grow”

Lindsey Pollock, Principal

Moses Diaz, Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Committee members present were: Ms. Knauth, Ms. Moyer, Mr. Valladares, and Ms. Pollock. Guests: Ms. Morris, Ms. Blanco, Ms. Gutierrez, Ms. Kuhnen.

Ms. Pollock began by thanking everyone for a great school year and stated that the meeting would review the activities of the next few weeks and summer school. She reminded everyone that next year school start time will be 7:30pm – 2:45pm. Campus will open at 7:15am.

Summer school will be 4 days/week and open to all students. Forms have been sent home with all students. First spaces will go to students who are required to attend based on promotion standards, then those who scored below the 40th percentile in reading on the 2010 Stanford/Aprenda. Also, students who have ever been retained or who did not meet standard on TPRI/Tejas Lee will need to come to summer school. Any spaces available after that will be available to GOE students. Ms. Blanco agreed it would be a good idea to be sure to clarify that everyone should get an application pending final status of students who meet promotion standards. Ms. Morris asked if there was anything on the CLPs yet. Ms. Moyer said they are not yet on the HISD portal. More information to come.

Parent surveys went home and are being returned. Ms. Morris already has 18 returned! Mrs. Knauth inquired about the navy pants option. Navy or khaki bottoms allowed next year.

TAKS testing has now concluded. Second and final day of 5th grade retakes was today.

PTA voted last week to become a PTO. Last FOM chapter meeting will be held here tomorrow night at 6:30. FOM will have a Montessori School Representative on the PTO board.

Magnet grant is coming along well. Ms. Aasletten is working hard to secure renewable energy vendors and is being very creative with ideas for implementation. Teachers attending training this summer will have individual interviews here next Wed and tour the Houston Montessori Center next Thursday. Congratulations to Ms. Kuhnen who had her last site visit today for cert.

Ms. Gutierrez and Ms. Dore have been working to coordinate the Hispanic Heritage program for this Friday, May 20th. Dr. Brown will also be here to speak to parents at 2pm about ADHD. Splash Day and end of the year activities are designed to encourage students to attend school every day. Themes are tied to learning activities. Mrs. Bruce designing schedule and flyer. June 1st is going to be a big day with the front gate ribbon cutting, G/T expo and talent show! May need to have three shows since the school has increased by nearly 200 students since 2008-09 when the last talent show was held. Will discuss with PTO on Friday at executive meeting.

Ms. Morris reminded Ms. Pollock about textbook pick-up. Ms. Pollock will work on it.

Starting tomorrow, teachers will start a “swap meet” in the Teachers’ Lounge so that other teachers may take what they need from materials no longer needed by other teachers. Ms. Kuhnen suggested we take the tables out of the room and move them outside to have an outdoor café.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Next SDMC meeting is August!

Garden Oaks Elementary SDMC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Garden Oaks Front Office area