

Meadow Homes Elementary School - SSC Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

1. Welcome

Members Present: Ruby Ortega (Vice Principal), Marta Flores (Community Services Asst), Kendra Hobbs (Parent), Sara Goetz (Teacher), Noor Hameedi (Parent), Marcos Lafarga (Art Teacher), Raphael Jemmott (DBI program coordinator), Tiffany Francies (DBI Executive Director)

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:10 PM

2. Minutes 1/14/25

Marta made the motion to approve minutes from last SSC meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Second: Kendra

Motion Passed 3 in favor 0 abstention, 0 no

3. Mr. LaFarga - Art Teacher

Coming from a background of working with kids, collaborated with teachers to develop a program that incorporates content into art. Also using the Art of Education University curriculum (district adopted).

Last week students learned about space, dimension, depth. Students watched videos on these concepts and then created a sculpture that represented what they learned about depth and space.

This week students are working on shapes to create a robot drawing. The lesson is scaffolded for K - 3rd graders.

Mr. LaFarga commented that he has seen the kids develop a strong understanding of art and he maintains a good rapport with them. There are now Art Passes for them to use to come into the "art studio" during lunch.

Funded through a CA Prop 28 that is secured through the end of next year.

4. Raphael Jemmott - AAPC Mentor Program Coordinator through Delta Bay Impact Program
On campus once a week to facilitate one on one and group mentoring.

The goal is to provide culturally relevant mentoring programs.

In these programs students learn about different African American figures (Fredrick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall), watch Glory Road, Target supported kids with gift cards and information about opportunities for college support.

Currently there are 10-12 students in the group mentoring program.

Children also participate in activities to learn about respect, taking Good Risk vs Bad Risks, positive affirmations, and collaborating through an activity called the song game.

Next week students will start on their Black History Month Presentations.

Question was asked if the program might be extended to third grade.

There is work to expand the program but it is difficult to expand the program with one day a week limitation.

Engaged in an activity called "What race is this person?" Through the process we discussed how important it is to get to know people, understand their story and their background, and realize that people with the same cultural background may have different lived experiences.

5. Spending Updates:

Spent under \$5,000 on amazon (beep beep store, calming things, classroom copies of DEI books)

Release Time: 1st has taken a release day. 2nd grade has taken 2. Also provided release days to individual teachers to complete one on one reading assessments

Family Math Night: \$800 for the night and \$1,200 on tacos/dinner

Field Trip: 2nd grade is going to Lindsey Wildlife (one teacher had it funded through a grant) 5th: spent money on buses for Delta Voyage

Money is being spent on after school interventions and a Farsi club. The club will be focused on celebrating Farsi language and culture

\$900 on fingerprinting; fingerprinted 11 volunteers. Another fingerprinting opportunity will be provided

About ½ fifth graders are committed to going to camp; many chaperones are from high school with some parents. This will free up \$10,000-15,000 to be spent on things that will improve student learning. Please contribute ideas for this money!!

QUESTION: will teachers be asked for their ideas to use this money?

Ruby: We'll invite teachers to come and present proposals

6. Topics for next meeting

- Safety plan (presented by Ruby)

7. Public comment:

Is there any chance that the funding from prop 28 can continue beyond next year?

Mr. LaFarga: it's likely the funding will continue but it's hard to say for sure

8. Motion to adjourn at 3:52 made by Ruby, Kendra Hobbs seconds. The meeting is adjourned.