

**The Rice School K-8  
SDMC Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2025**

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

- Campus Safety
- Budget
- School Action Plan 2025-2026
- Curriculum – HISD
- Teacher Excellence System (TES)
- SDMC Elections
- Last Day of School – June 4, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

Our SDMC meeting began at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

**Campus Safety** – Monthly Fire Drills, Intruder and Shelter-in-Place Drills are up to date. We conduct these each month in accordance with state and district guidelines. Door sweeps are conducted weekly and recorded online and kept in a notebook in the front office. Locked doors to classrooms and exterior doors of the building are expected and checked daily. Teachers and Staff demonstrate teamwork while working together to keep students and staff safe.

**Budget** – Our budget is on track and the projected student enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is 1100 students. Our elementary classes will have a 22:1 ratio for Grades K-4. Grade 5 will reflect a 25:1 ratio. Middle School Grades 6-8 will reflect a 28:1 ratio. Enrollment and ADA will directly impact our annual budget.

**School Action Plan** – We have three Key Actions to improve the quality of instruction for Reading/ELA, Math, and Special Education Services. Indicators of success are measurable using NWEA, STAAR, and high-quality instruction results.

**Curriculum** – We will follow the HISD Curriculum for reading, English language arts, math, science, and social studies. The master schedule reflects 90-minute blocks for reading and math in every grade level. The slide decks and engagement strategies will be included. House Bill 1416 is ongoing with accelerated instruction for Grades 4-8. Students have completed their required hours for reading and math. Tutorials have been held before school, afterschool, and on Saturdays.

**Teacher Excellence System (TES)** – The district has provided overviews and surveys as we move forward with the TES appraisal process for teachers in the 2025-2026 school year. It is similar to T-TESS but has various components which will support high-quality instruction. Appraisers will receive training the Summer of 2025 on the new system.

**SDMC Elections** – There will be two positions open for the next school year. The SDMC Elections will be held by secret ballot in August.

**Last Day of School for Students** – Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Teachers will close out paperwork, clean and box up classrooms as their last day is Thursday, June 5, 2025.

**Other business** – Summer School begins June 11, 2025, and will be completed July 18, 2025. The Rice School is one of 10 schools in the State of Texas to be designated a **Nationally Certified Magnet School**.

This was the last SDMC meeting for the 2024-2025 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.