

SDMC Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 8th, 2026

Start time – 4:32pm

End time – 5:14pm

WELCOME

- Budget Update for this School Year
 - There was no budget to present as the district had postponed releasing budgets until late April. Principal Montelongo presented that he will be opening a counselor position for the next school year.
- Updated Faculty & Staff 26-27 SY
 - Principal Montelongo mentioned that all faculty and staff would be receiving their job assignment for next school year by end of April so that everyone is ready to hit the ground running.
- Magnet STEM Pillars
 - The campus will be creating Magnet pillars that will support improving the STEM program at The Rice School. Eight grade STEM Teacher Mr. Tubbs has observed and met all STEM teachers and there is a lot of great things happening on campus. There is a big need for a vertical alignment of the STEM program so there is a clear plan on what STEM skills students will attain at The Rice School and the pathways that will open for them in high school and beyond.
 - An SDMC member recommended reaching out to Attucks Middle School to explore the great things they are doing with their STEM program.
- Back to School Bash
 - Friday, July 24th (3:00 – 6:00pm)
 - Frost Bank providing 75 backpacks with supplies
 - Possible “Pop Up Shop” event
 - Need vendors, community organizations, etc.

Concerns

- There was a question about the campus becoming a NES school. Principal Montelongo clarified that The Rice School will not be a NES campus, but would continue to utilize the HISD curriculum. This was the second year that the campus was using the HISD curriculum and the major changes in the past few weeks was to ensure it is being used effectively and efficiently.

Adjournment

Thank you for your support!

Alvaro Montelongo Jr., Principal