Lovett Elementary School

Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2026

Members Present

Dawn Thompson, Heather Gaines, Lauren Adams, Jessica Nutall, Sarah Martin, Buster Adams, Sabrina Roberts LeRoy, Sheerah Walker, Dorothy Coleman-Foster, and Talitha Pinkney

Enrollment and Budget

Current enrollment is **638 students**, compared with a projected enrollment of **648 students**. The district snapshot date is **October 30, 2026**.

The committee discussed the impact of enrollment on campus funding. Campuses are funded based on projected enrollment. Lovett is currently 10 students below projection, which represents an estimated **$13,000 reduction in the campus budget**.

Districtwide budget adjustments are also being considered due to enrollment trends and overall district budget needs. Potential adjustments may include reductions to the per-pupil allocation, which consists of a base amount plus additional funding based on qualifying student needs, including special education, emergent bilingual, and gifted and talented services.

Lovett is awaiting additional information expected September 25, 2026, to determine the specific impact on the campus.

Potential impacts discussed included:

- Tighter general fund allocations
- Possible staffing implications
- Recalibration of schedules if staffing adjustments are necessary

A community member asked how staffing decisions would be determined if reductions were required. Factors that may be considered include teacher certification, employee start dates, clerk information, and other staffing requirements.

The committee discussed that declining enrollment and related budget concerns are occurring beyond HISD and are not unique to the district.

Title I Budget and Program

Lovett's Title I allocation is approximately **$97,000**.

Due to the cost associated with personnel, Title I funds will not be used to fund staff. Instead, the funds will be used to support student supplies, instructional resources, field trips, and technology.

In response to a parent question regarding what types of resources could be purchased, examples included:

- Student folders
- Dry-erase markers
- Dry-erase boards
- Erasers
- Field trips
- Technology
- Other allowable instructional supplies and resources

The committee also discussed that Title I expenditures must follow specific guidelines regarding allowable and non-allowable uses of funds.

Academics and Accountability

The committee reviewed Lovett's most recent accountability results. **Lovett improved from a B rating to an A rating for the 2025–2026 school year.**

Relative Performance, which considers performance in relation to the percentage of economically disadvantaged students, received a **B rating** and was the campus's lowest-rated accountability area. All other accountability areas received an **A rating**.

Campus Action Plan

The committee reviewed the following four priorities included in the Campus Action Plan:

1. Strengthen daily high-quality instruction.
2. Maintain special education compliance and accountability.
3. Improve achievement and outcomes for special education students.
4. Improve K–2 literacy outcomes.

Round Table Topics

Committee members were provided an opportunity to raise additional campus topics and concerns.

Student Tardiness: The committee discussed concerns regarding the high number of students arriving tardy to school. Members noted that tardiness is currently at an all-time high and identified this as an area requiring continued attention.

Upcoming SDMC Meetings

The committee established the following meeting dates for the remainder of the school year:

- **January 13, 2027**
- **March 24, 2027**
- **May 12, 2027**