

SOT Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 13, 2025

Members in attendance:

Darla Richards	Jessica Perkins (support staff)
Kelli Han (assistant principal)	Lisa Hadley (parent)
Stephanie Orr (teacher)	Drew White attended by phone (parent)
Jennifer Sakmar (teacher)	Crystal Sullivan (parent)

Members not in attendance:

Roseanne Sinclair (parent)

*Minutes for the February 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved. The motion was made by Jessica and seconded by Lisa.

Update on school staffing for the 2025-2026 school year:

Since McDoniel has lost Title 1 funding, some staff members are choosing to transfer to Title 1 schools. Title 1 schools allow staff to complete professional growth coursework and submit every two years which allows them to increase their salaries at a faster rate than non-Title 1 schools.

McDoniel is also losing SPTAs (Specialized Programs Teacher Assistant) due to loss of the Title 1 status. Title 1 SPTAs work 7 hours per day vs. non-Title 1 schools work a 6 hour day. Our Assistant Principal, Kelli Han, will be leaving Estes McDoniel for Cannon Junior High School, as we no longer have the funds to keep an assistant principal.

Testing:

The testing window opens 3/31/25 and goes through 5/2/25.

Grades 3, 4, 5 will take the English Language Arts test (ELA) April 8-10.

Grade 5 will take the Science test on April 15 & 16.

Grades 3 & 4 will take the Math test on April 22 & 23.

Grade 5 will take the Math test April 29 & 30.

*The meeting was called to adjourn by Lisa and seconded by Jessica.