

SDMC Minutes
February 16, 2005

Members Present (x)

x	Cynthia Krohn		Laura Nelly Gamez	x	Rebecca DeLaRosa
	Delinda Holland		Herman Jadloski		Ellen Taylor
X	Frank Cruse	x	Margaret Preston		Carol Ann Ship
X	Jeff Turner	x	Barbara White	x	Cynthia Conwell
X	Mike Stackhouse	x	Steve Siebenaler		

Guests

Tracy Cooper	Tony D'Angelo	Samantha Brooks
Patti Syzdek		

Mr. D'Angelo presented the budget and discussed the following budget items that need to be allocated in the next month:

- \$ 12,610 overage at this moment for the year (emergencies)
- 297,490 left remaining in fund 101 (mostly payroll and allocated)
- 135,000 in Summer School Budget
- 5,000 Safe Schools
- 5,000 Title III needs to be allocated this week or we'll lose it.
- 25,000 Small Learning Communities will purchase Par Score scantron and software. New purchase order requested
- 32,000 Texas High School Completion money - extra duty pay through August
- 3,300 Contract Schools - Virtual Schools and dual credit classes

Mr. Cooper presented The Safety Meeting minutes and discussed the following items.

- Parking area by the batting cages has become a problem since the parking blocks were removed. baseballs have hit cars parked in that area, causing damage that the owners had to repair. The parking blocks will be replaced.
- Hall sweeps during the lunchtime have proven to be effective but difficult because of insufficient staffing. Hall Sweeps are an administrative nightmare and the administrators are requesting faculty assistance.
- According to the law, handicapped parking is reserved for those individuals holding valid permits. The ticket is \$200 when HPD finds cars inappropriately parked there. Please respect the law. Cars parked there will receive a warning notice to cease and desist.

Ms. Conwell presented the Steering Committee report and the following items were discussed:

- The IB Program will be phased out beginning next year. This year's juniors will be our last possible Diploma candidates because the program expenses do not justify the few diploma candidates. The AP program is a good alternative and is much less expensive. Ms. Preston made the motion, Mr. Stackhouse seconded it, and the motion was passed by an 8-0 margin..
- A time of space-available, one-time only transfers for 9th or 10th grade students between academies will occur soon. The student will need to complete a request, submit it with parent approval, and have a conference with his/her administrator and parent(s) prior to the transfer taking effect. Comments should be sent to Ms. Conwell.
- TAKS schedule will be forthcoming.

- Early Dismissal schedule for next year is under consideration along with the other proposed bell schedules. Brad Neidecker is chairing this committee, which has yet to meet. Proposals have or will be submitted to him for consideration.
- Order of Graduation has not been decided. The question raised is “Should it be by academy or purely alphabetical order?” The seniors will make the call for this year.
- Awards Nights are set for May 5, 2005 (undergrad) and May 12, 2005 (seniors)
- A teacher-student survey is under consideration approval for evaluation of the effectiveness of RAMS.
- A systems committee will be created to revise the Faculty and Student Handbooks. The first meeting is February 17, 2005 at 4:00 in room 318.

Other Items

- Dress code: If we are going to have a dress code, it must be enforced 100%. Mr. Siebenaler will present an enforcement policy to the teachers. Follow up and follow through are required for the dress code to work.
- Deliveries to school: student deliveries are causing a problem. The steering committee will consider whether or not student deliveries should be stopped.
- Bell schedule for next year: the proposal will be submitted to r. Neidecker for his committee’s consideration. They will then present a proposal to SDMC.
- Announcements: It has been requested that a transcript of the announcements be posted in a prominent location. This item will be discussed with the announcement staff. Generally, announcements are not submitted electronically, so a determination of the difficulty of this task needs to be made.
- Attendance Appeal Policy for Spring Semester: Mr. Cooper submitted a proposal that requires students to attend morning, after school tutorials or tuition-based Saturday study labs, Thursday detention, or community service hours to work off their unexcused absences. This policy will do away with the appeals process. Students will serve the appropriate number of hours for each unexcused absence in excess of 2 in each class. Students may not receive credit for classes with excess of 8 unexcused absences. Example: If a student has 4 absences in 3 classes, he needs to serve 7.5 hours of make-up time. The student must get a make-up card for each class with excessive absences and must get the card signed when he serves the time. Teacher or administrative assigned detentions do not count toward credit recovery. Teachers need to keep a sign-in log for tutorials to help ensure forgeries do not occur.
 - **Credit hours will be as follows:**
 - 3 absences 2.0 hours
 - 4 absences 2.5 hours
 - 5 absences 3.0 hours
 - 6 absences 3.5 hours
 - 7 absences 4.0 hours
 - Once hours are completed, the student can turn his card into Mrs. Berger or his academy secretary. The motion to accept the proposal was made and seconded. It passed with one abstention.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Krohn