

Waltrip High School

Shared Decision Making Committee

5-19-2009
4:15 PM
Distant Learning Lab

Note taker:
Cynthia Krohn

Facilitator:
Steve Siebenaler

Attendees:

	Brandi Tookes	x	Anthony Zuccarini		Carolyn Thibeaux
x	Cynthia Krohn	x	Elizabeth Achar	x	Cynthia Conwell
x	Dale Harrison		Elizabeth Villarreal	x	Deborah Clancy
	Delinda Holland	x	Flaire Clark	x	Herman Jadloski
	Sharon Gerstacker	x	Joni Straker	x	Jan Rotenberry
	Steve Siebenaler		Laura Nelly Gamez	x	Joyce McKinney
x	Tom Brady	x	Margaret Preston	x	Gina Vanfossen-Suarez
	Guests				
X	Rodolfo Lertora				

Agenda

TAKS Scores

We received our TAKS results back and were fairly pleased with them. The cohort groups look good.

Budget

Mr. Siebenaler summarized the remaining budget monies. We have approximately \$8,000 left in GF1; we have \$15,000 left in Targeted Assistance which has purchased calculators. We have 115,000 in carry-over funds. We anticipate one of our teachers being out for a long term next year, so we expect to hire a position to fill that position for next year. We have some money left in the technology budget. We will look at purchasing a Smart Board for each core area, as well as some data projectors. State Comp Ed has \$11,000 in general supplies. That money may be transferred to a different category and held over to help pay for a math teacher for next year if we don't have any major supply needs for this year. CTE has approximately \$63,000, of which \$17,000 is allocated to repay for subs in vacant positions during a portion of the second semester. We have approximately \$43,000 left there. We may hold some over or purchase more technology. We always worry about missing projections. If we are 20 students short, that equals \$80,000 in our budget. Bilingual Supplemental has material money left. Title 1 has \$12,755 left, which will pay for GT training as well as extra duty pay. There is \$4,700 for Parent Involvement and \$19,820 to pay for supplies. House Bill 5 and 6 has \$50,156 left, which will pay for one teacher. We were over our projection for this year and our extra students this year paid for band uniforms. We have some funds that can only pay for supplies; while others only pay for professional development.

Personnel

We have an opening in English, but are not aware of any other openings. We have Margaret Preston, Cynthia Conwell, Ginger Roser retiring, but are not aware of any others.

We have hired Kelly Givens to be the new Magnet Coordinator. She has been a SIF at one of the middle schools. Her reference checks were outstanding and she will be a great addition to our staff. Lori Frodine will replace Margaret Preston as Principal in the TED academy. She and Kelly will have to take up the slack for the loss of Cynthia Conwell. We have offered the Counselor position to Albeza Flores from Chavez to be the Health counselor while Pat Curvey will become the College Access Counselor and be the go-to person for student looking for college. Ms. Flores is bilingual as well. We have gone from being in the red six years ago to having a budget surplus this year, which allows us to fund an additional position. We will have to replace Mr. Jones, who is leaving to go on an exciting adventure. We will need to look for someone to replace Ginger. We will also have to add a math teacher.

KUDOS

Mr. Lipham's Robotics Team competes twice a year. They didn't do very well in the fall competition, but they were stars in the underwater competition. They are going to Massachusetts in the National competition this summer. Mr. Lipham gives them the tools that they need to do to design these robots, but the kids do all of the design. This year, they had more practice time and excelled.

Baseball won last night and go to the playoffs. The girls won both games on Saturday and advanced to the next level of the playoffs. While the other team looked more talented, our team was hungrier and we won. Anne Marie Taylor was amazing. They are playing in Alvin playing Brazosport tonight.

Track advanced to region and three players came in the top ten.

Andrew Drahuschak and Ginger Roser were named the best transition employment team in the district.

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee meets Thursday after the fire drills. Our last fire drill was 4:20, just over our targeted 4:00 evacuation time. For the most part, we do fairly well, but we need to look at some of the routes out to revise the exits to get them faster. We aren't seeing the diligence in getting teachers to check roll when they get out there. Teachers are constantly cautioned that the fire marshal will snatch kids and ticket teachers that do not recognize the students are missing. Those teachers will be ticketed. Taking attendance once we exit is mandatory, not optional. We have a great police and substance abuse staff that welcomes information regarding our students. We try to make the students understand that the school is neutral ground, but it doesn't always work that way. We finally have 2 purchase orders in place to revamp the entire camera system. We had a rental van stolen from in front of the school and we have it on camera; unfortunately, we can't identify the students because the definition on the camera is too poor. The purchase orders will replace our camera systems over the summer. The safety committee asks that we keep our vigilance over the next few weeks. Any concerns can be emailed to Rodolfo. They meet at 7:30 in the morning on Thursday after the fire drills.

Air Conditioning

Thermostats are now being controlled by the central office; however, it isn't working well. You have to request the system be left on at least a week in advance in order to keep the air cool in specific areas of the building. This thermostat is part of the bond initiative. We have to make sure that we make our needs known. Unfortunately, we will have to get used to the changes. We have only had one chiller for six years, one works, and then the other one works. Now, we have new ones.

Dress Code

It has been discussed and recommended that we allow students to wear spirit shirts every day. This will promote school spirit and make our dress code easier to enforce. We will have a list of approved shirts that can be worn every day. We will compile a list of approved shirts. Parents want the dress code looser. It seems that good kids are penalized for the bad kids dress choices. The Math department got a tee-shirt approved for the kids to wear with blue jeans if they passed the Math TAKS.

Bond Money

While we are getting \$26 million in funds, we will not get a new school. We will get about \$60,000 in stimulus money, but we will not see much of it because most of it will go to the Central Region to make a dropout center with flexible hours.

Sound System

The money is dicey at this moment for the system; however, it will happen. The PTA raised \$12,000 and the school is matching it to get a new sound system in the fall. We are looking forward to other people to be able to use it.

Next Year

Next year is our fiftieth anniversary. We are looking forward to some exciting activities with regard to the celebration. We will have a committee that plans the activities. There has been a rumor that we will drop yearbook. We will probably have it as an after school program instead of having it as a class. Ms. McKinney said that she was the editor and had a checklist of it. She was very unimpressed with it. There is a camp for yearbook and we will look at sending kids to it this year. The yearbook should be open to any student. Most of the students don't want to be there, so that becomes a problem. We will rework the program this year. We would love to have some parents involved in this. The goal of the PTA is to make this a neighborhood school. We are getting kids back every year. We are trying to build a great neighborhood school. We are glad to address all of the rumors that are floating around. Please send them to us to answer.

Graduation is next Saturday (May 30, 2009) at 7:00 PM at Reliant Arena. See you there.

Meeting adjourned.

Additional Information

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 Sign-in Sheet**

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