

SDMC Minutes
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Tracy Cooper	Tony D'Angelo	
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Leadership Team Committee Report

Announcements will begin at beginning of second period when it will be least disruptive because teachers are taking attendance during that time.

Schedule changes are underway. We have added 2 English classes, 2 IPC classes, 2 Algebra 1 classes and 3 World Geography classes to alleviate overcrowding in our freshmen classes. For many students, their entire schedule has to be changed to change one class. Some elective and core classes are too large still but there will not be any more significant changes unless we have staff changes.

Academies are 60% pure, which is very good.

We are increasing discipline consequences for minor discipline infractions in hope making the remainder of the year less hectic. The first detention was held and about 150 kids did not show up. A proposal was made to establish a Saturday detention for student who fail to show up for Thursday detentions. Discussion included notification of parents, use of phone callout program, and rescheduling detentions. Parents will be notified of the policy by newsletter, a phone-out, and a handout at open house. Proposal was amended to say that failure to attend a Thursday detention will result in a Saturday detention to be scheduled for the Saturday of the following week so that parents can be notified.

A Tardy policy was proposed and approved. The students must sign in at their academy office if they are tardy and receive detention for being late. After 5 tardies, the parents are notified, after 7, they receive Saturday detention, and after 8, they are referred to SDMC.

We will be forming a committee for incentives. Amy Thompson will chair it. All interested parties should contact her.

Freshman Seminar is working out well. This is a time to help our freshmen transition into high school. It is time to talk about credits, colleges, and decisions. We will use the Career Choices curriculum. Teachers will have a training on September 10, 2005.

Red/Gray days - There was a proposal made that if there is a holiday during the week, that Wednesday is automatically changed to the missing day. Without this change, we will end up with three gray days and 1 red day or the other way around. The motion was approved.

SIOP training The entire staff will receive SIOP training during this school year. The first group is going September 14-17, with additional groups going in October, November, and December. This program helps the develop the conversational skills and will help the gap kids. It is full of good teaching strategies.

HISD AP Incentives We need to be offering ore AP classes. HISD has been accepted for a Dell grant aimed at improving AP test scores. Training will e offered in Math, English, and Science. It is a five-year program with bonuses and incentives for students passing the test.

TAKS Tutorials will be starting September 14, 2005. We have 81 seniors who did not pass the Math TAKS, 94 who need the Science TAKS, There are 26 who need the Social Studies part and 67 who need the English. There will be a five-week intensive training program to get these kids ready for the October test. We need to be systematic, concentrate of the objectives that they need, we need to be clear about what to teach as well as the lesson plans and curriculum.

There is money available for Saturday tutorials during the school year.

Academy Assemblies need to be held. There was discussion about the methods and it was decided that we could have 2 weeks where 1 academy went to the Auditorium and one went to the Cafeteria for their assembly.

Safety Committee Report

Four security cameras have been installed and the system has been improved. There is room to add additional cameras over the net few years.

A proposal was made to purchase a boot for cars that are parked around school without permits. Discussion included the cost of towing (\$120 plus \$40/day storage). Mr. Cooper described three different boots. A recommendation was made to purchase the biggest boot possible and to boot a car every day with the fines being used to purchase additional boots. A \$50 fee will be charged for removing the boot, in addition to the cost of purchasing a parking permit. The proposal passes. Those cars parking in handicapped places without the appropriate passes will also be subject to the boot.

Lunch coverage in the Blue room has been a problem. There are tables on order for that room and they should be here by September 23, 2005. Additionally, there are some more picnic tables on order. The freshmen need a place to eat when they get to the cafeteria.

Late Arrival Day

The purpose of the late arrival day is for teachers to collaborate, share best practices, and look at data.

Budget

Right now, our budget is (\$98,831) and we are 56% spent because of front loading of some expenses.

We need 46 more students to balance the budget. Our Ada dropped last year, which decreased our budget. Our enrollment was estimated to be 1785, we need 1831 to balance and our current enrollment is 1851.

We should be receiving \$170,000 in December. The Math position that was cut will be reinstated.

The three rehires cost the school \$28,500, which represents 25% of their salaries. Transportation costs have risen significantly. The band must be completely self-supporting on their field trips this year.

Fund 142 has tightened its requirements, which hurts fund 101.

SLC and Literacy coach positions no longer are grant funded positions, which also come out of fund 101.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Krohn

Secretary