

Waltrip High School

Shared Decision Making Committee

1/23/2008
4:15 PM
Distant Learning Lab

Note taker:
Cynthia Krohn

Facilitator:
Margaret Preston

Attendees:

X	Cynthia Krohn		Laura Nelly Gamez	X	Rebecca DeLaRosa
	Delinda Holland	X	Margaret Preston		Cynthia Conwell
	Steve Siebenaler		Sabrina Norman	X	Nancy Moran
	Jeff Turner	X	Elizabeth Achar	X	Deborah Clancy
	Tom Brady	X	Joni Straker		Jan Rotenberry
X	Sharon Gerstacker	X	Flaire Clark	X	Joyce McKinney
	Guests				
X	Lori Frodine		Stephanie Sandifer	X	Rodolfo Lertora
X	Frank Salinas				

Minutes

Safety

R. Lertora

Committee has met monthly this year on the second Thursday of each month. We do fire drills on the second Tuesday. Our last fire drill was exceptionally good time because we were able to evacuate the building in less than 4 minutes. Bob Cage from risk management was here and was very impressed. We need to continue to motivate the students to move quickly. Risk Management will be present at fire drills in the future and will make some students disappear to see if teachers are remembering to take attendance when they get outside. If teachers discover students are missing, they need to report to the closest person with a radio. The Fire Marshall will issue tickets to teachers who fail to be aware of missing students. Rooms should have the doors locked and the lights turned out when the building is evacuated.

Camera system is operating; the problem is that some of the cameras are old and need to be replaced. We are unable to zoom in on some of the faces on some of the cameras. The older cameras have grainy features. We are hoping that the bond issue will update our security system.

Fire Marshall inspection on the day care system has some violations; namely the infant room needs an exit to the outdoors. The easiest solution is to pull out a window and replace it with a door. The remainder of the inspection was good.

The bus evacuation drill went well and the schedule went well and we were finished in 1 ½

hours.

This year we have to do an intruder drill. A person from Risk Management come in and ties to sneak on campus. We need to be vigilant to notify persons in the front office about visitors, whether or not they have badges.

We will also have to do a shelter in place drill. The code word will be refreshed in a faculty meeting and the procedure will be reviewed. When this happens, no one can leave their classroom at all.

We need to have regular sub badges for those who sub regularly and a generic badge for Associate Teachers (bright colors).

Enforcement of dress code continues to be a problem. We need to continue to enforce our dress code on a daily basis. We do not have a rules problem; we have an enforcement problem.

Dress Code

Frodine

Jackets must be solid color; Red, Blue, Gray, or Black only.

We have received a proposal to change the dress code for coats, sweaters, and jackets for next school year to a Waltrip Hooded Sweatshirt. We would like to see pull-over sweatshirts for \$5.00 with Waltrip on it, or zipper sweatshirts for about \$13.00 with the logo. We could subsidize the price for some of the students.

Discussion included the concept that we are penalizing students who comply with their jackets; should we consider allowing spirit shirts on other days besides Friday? The students are paying large amounts of money for jackets that are totally inappropriate, so having a jacket that complies with dress code should be possible. We need to consider removing the word "hoodie" from the dress code. The dress code is supposed to be for uniformity across campus and security. We allow spirit shirts one day a week because they do cause confusion. We would like this to be considered for the month and a decision made next month that this will be an option, not done, or mandatory.

School Improvement

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The SIP Committee met last week. We are still working on intervention rosters, assigning the students based on the TAKS results. We will have the same study labs as last year; the remainders of the students are in TAKS tutorials.

We have received a grant CoLaboatory to invite other schools to come and see what we do and market our school. We received \$33,000.

We planned things that need to be done for next year and prioritized the things that need to be completed before the remainder of the year.

We are considering implementing a Student of the Month, Teacher of the Month, and Employee of the Month. This should not be a popularity award, but it could be one per grade or one per academy, or a boy and a girl for each grade each month. This proposal was approved to continue considering for next year.

We need to consider Summer School, Fish Camp, Faculty Handbook as well.

Minutes from last meeting

Krohn

Approved as submitted

Tutorials

DeLaRosa

Interventions were assigned by analyzing the Ramirez data, concentrating on 10th grade students failing Math, Reading, and then Science. We also focused on AP groups with AP teachers, and Special Ed students getting extra help. The counselors are scheduling the students now and the classes will begin next Wednesday.

We also have a wide range of tutorials after school and on Saturday.

Leadership Team

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Calendar

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We do not have to give a Field TAKS test.

1/29 – tenth grade PSAT test parent night 6:00-7:00

1/30 – eleventh grade PSAT test night for parent. We will have these meetings in a computer lab so that parents can get help to access the information and download the information on their particular student.

1/31 Progress Reports go home

2/12 Financial Aide workshop for college 6:30

2/13 Early dismissal

2/15 Mr. Waltrip

2/29 Deadline to request Credit by Exam; Band Fish Fry

3/5 English Language Arts TAKS for students

3/14 Professional Development

3/17-3/21 **Spring Break**

3/24 Professional Development

4/2 Early Dismissal

4/29-5/2 TAKS

4/25 Prom at the Omni Palace Dairy Ashford @ Westheimer

5/26 Memorial Day

5/20-23 Senior Finals

5-23, 5/27-29 Finals

5/31 Graduation 10:00 AM Reliant Arena

Personnel

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We were looking for two additional teachers; however, that process is on hold at this moment. The teachers available were not conducive to hiring.

We are about to hire 1 Special Ed Aide for a student that is allowed to have a personal aide. It will not come out of our budget; it comes out of the Special Ed budget. This particular student is zoned to another school, so their budget will pay for it.

Budget Report

~~Hubert~~

Budget is in good shape. We have enough money in the sub category. We got some money back that we argued for. We will get money back in our budget that we haven't spent again next year.

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Additional Information

Next Meeting

Date: 2/27/08 @4:15