

**SDMC Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2009**

**Members present: Carolyn Clemons, Eric Coleman, Juan Gallardo, Wanda Jackson, Stephen Jump, Carlete Metoyer, Esteban Perez, Steven Shetzer, Rockeal Stewart, Cathy Tavangarian**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Coleman at approximately, 4:20. Mr. Coleman proceeded to go through a series of questions posed by a member concerning the SIP for the 2009-2010 school year. Below are some of the listed concerns.

What some on the committee felt was ineffective representation from the new administrator over the AP program a concern was brought up over him being accessible. Mr. Coleman stated that he would speak with the administrator and see if something could not be worked out so that they could meet on a regular basis.

A concern was voiced concerning the late notice being given to teachers for field trips. Mr. Coleman stated that he knew of one or two instances where the teachers were not given adequate notice however, he had spoken to the administrator over the field trip or the teacher organizing it and assured the committee in the future adequate notice would be given.

A concern was voiced about attendance and notifying parents one committee member felt as if this was not being done on a regular basis. Mr. Coleman informed the committee that Ms. Denner, and Mr. Balthazar though being tied up with other duties for the month of September he assured the committee that warning notices would be sent out and in some cases students would be filed on with Judge Ridgeway.

Mrs. Metoyer spoke briefly on areas in which the Go Center was helping students prepare for college. She spoke about two parents night which have already taken place, over three hundred students taking the SAT, calling in students to talk about their PGP, & Prep HQ how this could be used not only for seniors but for all grade levels.

Mr. Coleman informed the committee of the void left by Mr. Garcia's departure. He informed the committee that Westbury has a need for an administrator or parent to take up holding parent meetings for our Spanish speaking parents.

A discussion ensued where the effectiveness of our current SLC's was questioned. Some concerns mentioned was that they are not pure, one member felt that they were pointless and in name only. Some members voiced that a choice needed to be made either PLC or SLC however the campus was or is not able to effectively do both. Mr. Coleman listened to the concerns of the committee and stated that the math and science teams would no longer be required to attend SLC meetings they would only meet as a PLC unless he stated otherwise.

A concern about the current school climate was brought before the committee many felt that everyone was a little on edge and feeling worn down. Mr. Coleman agreed and stated that he was aware with everything facing the school at this time that many were beginning to feel a little worn out. He proposed a get together for the faculty and staff in the near future at an off campus site.

Mr. Stephen Jump suggested several ideas to encourage one another. One brought before the committee and adopted was the "Employee and Student of the Week Program" Westbury faculty and staff members would nominate fellow colleagues who they felt are doing an outstanding job. This staff member would in turn nominate a student. Mr. Coleman would announce who the winners were at some point during the current school week.

The meeting was concluded at 5:50.