



Westside High School SDMC Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021

Attendees: Jarrod Baxter, Casey Biswell, Sarah Castro, Jeanette Ellis, Jeff McHugh, Lea Mishlan, Barbara Nassab, Jay Phillips, Jeff Schroeder, Stevie Smith, Erin Wolfe, Kathleen Zita, Sherry Campbell, Tyrone Davis, and Connie Berger.

- I. Welcome and Check In
Dr. Mishlan is facilitating today's meeting in the absence of Principal Wittpenn.
- II. New Baby Wittpenn
 - a. Welcome Baby Wittpenn, Knox born on Thursday, Jan. 14th.
 - b. Dr. Mishlan introduced Ms. Connie Berger, who will be covering as our part-time Principal during Ms. Wittpenn's leave. Ms. Berger is a retired HISD principal and will be on campus approximately 20 hours per week. Additionally, staff and parents may reach out to Mr. Davis or Dr. Mishlan for assistance and support.
- III. Covid-19 Updates
 - a. Rapid Testing is now available for asymptomatic employees.
 - b. Parent Opt-In period for Cycle 4 concluded yesterday.
 - c. HISD Covid dashboard may be accessed for superintendent updates and district case counts.
- IV. Final Exam Schedule
The final exam schedule has been circulated and is posted on the homepage. A question was raised regarding making camera/video mandatory. Dr. Mishlan answered that cameras are encouraged but not mandatory and teachers should exercise all best practices for test security, including Application questions (not rote memorization), multiple forms of tests, and following strict schedule for unlocking test during designated periods.
- V. Fall 2020 Teacher, Parent, and Students Surveys
To help guide the work in second semester, the general consensus indicates a need for improvements in teacher consistency, clarity and communication.
- VI. Semester Two
 - a. The daily schedule will remain mostly unchanged for students, with the office hour period tacking on to student lunch period for face-to-face learners.
 - b. In-Person Lunch/Office Hours—In-Person Students will have a longer lunch, providing flexibility to visit teachers on an as-needed basis. Teachers will not have students always present in their classrooms during the office hours segment, providing more privacy and making teachers more available to students and parents.
- VII. Magnet Showcase
First year completely virtual, plus companion google site for detailed information, clubs, etc. Information and links will go out Feb. 1.
- VIII. Adjournment at 5:00 PM.

Submitted By: Barbara Nassab, SDMC Secretary