Westside High School SDMC Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

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1. Introductions

The group introduced themselves and what they are excited about today. Responses included in-person connections, energy and enthusiasm, student voices, off of screens, growing and learning.

Ms. Wittpenn shared she is pleased with mask adherence, looking forward to possible in-person meetings with proper protocols in the near future. Possible in person meeting for SDMC in November.

Thank you to new and returning members.

2. School Improvement Plan

Ms. Wittpenn shared a high level overview of the SIP, including accountability metrics used to monitor data and interventions. Our main goals are related to Algebra 1, English 1 and 2, including critical use of student tracking systems and training teams on such programs as Lead 4Ward. Goals also include expanding college and career opportunities. In this area, we added UT OnRamps, classes taught by UT professor, along with Westside teacher of record. Offering Computer Sci with Ms. Willett and College Algebra with Mr. Anderson Kelly. Possible expansion of options with UT depending on outcomes this year.

Ms. Saini presented some specific elements of the SIP document. She touched on the Board Goals, including objectives and strategies and closing gaps for special populations, especially around discipline.

Ms. Wittpenn invited questions and then asked members to vote agreement with the SIP plan by posting a thumbs up in the chat. 12 thumbs were posted.

3. Staffing

Both of our social workers from last year moved on to new opportunities leaving 2 vacancies. Ms. Hylton joined us and is busy meeting the SEL needs of students, but we still have one vacancy. Candidates for the open position must be licensed, with preference for experience in education and crisis management.

We have also posted a school nurse position (RN). Our nurse is wearing multiple hats, but we have need for additional support due high enrollment numbers.

The photography teacher left for a promotion and is being covered by a sub with photography experience. We are looking to hire a permanent teacher.

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We also have an open ELA position. It is a high priority to get a highly effective certified teacher ASAP.

4. HB4545 Updates

TEA mandated beginning of year assessments administered this week for students who did not take or did not pass EOCs last year.

5. Homecoming

Ms. Anthony reported on Campus Committee meeting held yesterday. Plans so far:

- Sept 29-30, nominating and voting for HoCo court.
- Instead of house decorating, decided to do door decorating. Clubs and orgs will decorate sponsors doors. Due by 7/8th Oct. Judging by contest committee. Kids choice award done by vote on Hub.
- Oct. 15 Parade including passing by Parkway Place and Bush Elementary/WBMS plus Pep Rally
- All about HoCo email: Separate communication for details incl. permission slips.
- Football game: court will have a seating section but not go on field.
 Seniors only on field.
- Dance on 16th. Theme "Under Sun, Moon & Stars". Possible outdoor dance. Sarah Castro reported that PTO is gathering details for possible online ticket sales. Dance vs. block party. mode of dress, security, etc. needs to be discussed further at combined campus committee/PTO HoCo meeting.
- 6. Next Meeting on November 9, from 3:30 -5:30 PM, hopefully in person.
- 7. Adjournment at 4:26 PM

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| Full Name | User Action | Timestamp |
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| Anthony, Sarah L | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:53:30 PM |
| Barry, Bryce L | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:55:26 PM |
| Baxter, Jarrod A | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:30:51 PM |
| Baxter, Jarrod A | Left | 9/21/2021, 3:36:17 PM |
| Baxter, Jarrod A | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:39:42 PM |
| Freed, Kaitlin N | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:31:03 PM |
| Morris, Abigail L | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:01 PM |
| Nassab, Barbara J | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:00 PM |
| Paschall, Gail M | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:01 PM |
| Saini, Kristie | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:01 PM |
| Sarah Castro | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:31:33 PM |
| Schroeder, Jeffery S | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:01 PM |
| sherry (Guest) | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:44:42 PM |
| Smith, Quwan A | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:01 PM |
| Smith, Stevie L | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:29:26 PM |
| Wittpenn, Keri F | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:30:31 PM |
| Wolfe, Erin E | Joined | 9/21/2021, 3:30:28 PM |

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