Agenda
March 23, 2022

School Decision Making Committee

Meeting time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Science, Math, and Electives Collaboration Room

I  Progress on academic and non-academic priorities for Liberty HS.

II School waivers to be requested for 2022-23 school year
   • Change in grade placement structure.
   • Partial change in semester length for non-STAAR tested areas

III New HISD staffing structure for new school year
   • Centrally funded positions
   • Campus Staff allocations for 2022-23

IV Professional Development Focus and Summer School/Planning

V Items that will require follow up.

Notes


SDMC Meeting
March 23, 2022

Members in attendance: Monica Rivas, Quoc Tran, Marilou Alcaraz, Ms. Noriega

Invitees absent: Joe Reyna, Sally Lawlace, Keidy Marcia

Today’s SDMC meeting started at 4:30 p.m.

The committee began its work by discussing the status of the academic and non-academic priorities for Liberty High School. Mr. Rivas shared a copy of goals that were established at the start of the school year in the Targeted Improvement Plan and the progress we have made thus far. The results from the most recent district level assessments indicate we are not on target to meeting our goals on high stakes assessments as of March. Targeted instructional plans were developed in February to address gaps in English classes to prepare students for their STAAR EOC that is scheduled for April. Ms. Alcaraz (Assistant Principal), Mr. Ibao (Literacy Coach), and the members of the English department are planning and implementing the targeted plan to accelerate the preparation of students for their exams.

The second topic that was discussed was the intent by Liberty High School administration to submit a request for two waivers during the month of May. The first waiver will change the current grade level placement structure from 11-12 to 9-12. When Liberty High School opened in 2004, only adult students attended the campus, but later when the day component of the school program opened, younger students who may attend other campuses in the district were enrolled. Changing the grade placement structure will align the grade level placement system with other campuses in the district. The second waiver that Liberty High School will request is to have the option to use an accelerated 4 x 4 block schedule so that students can finish two semester courses in eighteen weeks (9-week semester). This request will address the high mobility factors that result in many students not earning credits if they must leave school during the middle of the semester or start later in the semester. This change will support our district goal to create a schedule that improves students’ ability to make progress toward graduation every year.

The time allocated for the meeting ended at 6:00 p.m. The topics that are pending for follow-up are to Finish discussion on a new class schedule, professional development, and summer school planning.

Minutes were submitted by M. Rivas on May 3, 2022
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