Navarro Middle School
SDMC agenda For February 04, 2021

Time of Meeting: 4:15 pm – 5:26 pm

Members Present: Emeterio Cruz, Wendy Armstrong, Roger Rossi, Steven Deutsch, Julie Monarez, Crystal Dillard-Mack, Salvador Ramos, Daniel Santos, Christian Navarro, Rebecca Williams, Yolanda Roy, Antonia Trevino-Cruz

Topic(s):

I. Introductions

II. Navarro Assessment Data – Mr. Cruz presented, reviewed and compared the District Level Assessment (DLA) data for January 2020 (pre-pandemic) when we had all students in person to the District Level Assessment (DLA) data for January 2021 (during pandemic) when we have some students in person and some remote/virtual. The greatest number of students tested was in 8th grade. This year, there will be no accountability for Domain 2 (student growth). Beginning of the Year (BOY) and Middle of the Year (MOY) English Language Development (ELD) current data and for 2019 was also presented, reviewed and compared. This test covers listening, speaking, reading and writing.

TEA will test TELPAS, STAAR and STAAR ALT in person. Mr. Navarro asked if TEA had made any exceptions for 504 or SPED students. Mr. Cruz responded that all students will be required to report for testing in person (with proper accommodations in place).

Mr. Cruz added that the testing window will be extended this year in order to accommodate safely testing all students following CDC COVID-19 guidelines. Mr. Navarro asked if the in-person requirement had been publicly disclosed. Per Mr. Cruz, yes, it is public information. TELPAS testing will take place from February 22, 2021 – the first week of April. STAAR testing will take place in April and May.
Mr. Santos attached TEA’ Updated Guidelines and FAQ to the TEAMS chat.

Ms. Williams asked about parents that refuse to send student to school for testing. Per Mr. Cruz, parents may sign a test waiver, but TEA will probably mark them as “not approached”.

Mr. Navarro asked, what, if any, financial consequences would there be for Navarro MS if metrics aren’t met? Mr. Cruz responded that STAAR performance would not affect financially, but Enrollment and Attendance will. Our attendance is at 92%, our Attendance Goal is 97%

Mr. Navarro asked if the enrollment drop is unique to Navarro or across the board in area schools. He is also concerned about false narratives. Mr. Cruz responded that as a district, we have lost 12,000 students. Edison MS and Holland MS are also losing students. Ortiz MS and Stevenson MS are maintaining their enrollment numbers. There is an opportunity to brand Navarro. We will conduct a survey for parents and students to get an idea of what it is that they would like to see at our campus. Schools are becoming more competitive and with the rise of charter schools, how can we compete? We must make a plan to recruit students within and outside of the two-mile radius. Increased advertising on Facebook helps to get our name out there.

Mr. Ramos mentioned that, in the past, feeder elementary school principals discouraged parents from enrolling their children at Jackson/Navarro. He also mentioned that we used to go to area schools to recruit or would bring them here to showcase our school.

Mrs. Dillard-Mack suggested that our focus could possibly be a Magnet Entrepreneurship (business) program. Our students are very tech savvy and skilled.

III. Intervention Spring Semester – 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Reading and Math teachers were given a full day to look at the data. Interventions will be held in the morning during “office hours”. 8th Grade Social Studies and Science will also target students for intervention. We are looking for tutoring companies for Math and Writing. Iconoclass will be provided for 25 7th graders and it includes a social and emotional component.

IV. Master Schedule – Currently, we operate on a 5-block schedule (4 content and 1 planning). 70-minute block. The current 50 minute “office hours” will now be converted to intervention time. 2021-2022 master schedule will be the same framework. Next year, there may be no content planning, only grade level. We may be able to do a monthly content day.
V. Marquee Update & Mural Update – Mr. Cruz mentioned that the temporary tarp that covered our school marquee has been replaced with permanent signage. The next project will be to replace the wooden sign that is over the main entrance to the school. Mr. Navarro commented that the community is very pleased to see the new marquee.

No mural update given.

VI. Voting: Set this Meeting as Quarter’s #2 (November, December & January) – We missed the window for meeting during Quarter #2. Motion was made by Mrs. Trevino-Cruz to set this meeting as Quarter #2. Mr. Santos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Questions/Concerns - Mr. Cruz informed the committee that we have applied for a Verizon grant that would provide students with technology. We should receive notification during the third week of February.

Ms. Roy asked if HISD has a marketing department. Mr. Cruz responded yes and mentioned that he has spoken with Rebecca Suarez. We will send out flyers to all zoned students and will place yard signs advertising our school.

Mr. Cruz stated that he has seen videos of Mrs. Yolanda Black Navarro and the branding of the school will reflect her.

VIII. Future Business
  School Branding
  Recruitment
  Mural Update