

SDMC

March 7, 2017

Agenda

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) Board of Education established and approved the campus-level planning and decision making process in 1992. This process includes the creation and maintenance of a Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) at each school to review the district's educational goals, objectives, and major district wide classroom instructional programs. The SDMC must be *involved in decisions related to* areas specified by the Texas Education Code. The code states that the SDMC will be involved in decisions in the areas of *planning, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, staff development, and school organization.*

Areas SDMC we will discuss as an advisory to the Principal... but not limited to....

Planning

- Course Request ideas

Budget

- Title I funds to spend? (ID's, covers, lanyards)

Curriculum

- Master Schedule – ideas for electives
- What needs developing in our Magnet Program

Staffing Patterns

- Add Engineering, art/yearbook, auto tech

Professional Development

- ESL

School Organization

- Uniforms and ID badges – same for next year?
- Rewards System for Attendance...scanners
- Announcement – at what time of day?

Other/Questions

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Planning

- **Course Request ideas:** we can input course requests for students to agree on their classes for next year. A paper copy of course requests for next year will be needed—by grade level. Feedback included the idea to do it online with a suggestion of giving what they need and allowing students to “deselect” what they don’t want for next year. Admin will talk to student groups to help work through course selection. A digital copy will be completed in Social Studies classes. A hard copy will be printed to obtain signatures and to have in both paper and online formats. Students need to understand their transcripts and that should be part of the course selection process.
- This year we had no trailer classes. Freshman are having trouble without upperclassmen around. Putting 9th grade by themselves is working as they have no role models. Trailer classes were unsuccessful.

Budget

- **Title I funds to spend? (ID’s, covers, lanyards)** need to utilize the money before the end of the year. Tutorials can be funded with Title 1 money. A detailed list of how money can be spent will be used.

Curriculum

- **Master Schedule – ideas for electives**—we have not come up with many extra classes or new ideas for them. Psychology AP classes by Harris – students have expressed interest in two classes. Statistical class taught (social science possibly) in Humanities.
- Electives for the future (trade) Welding or HVAC in Autoshop (1 school has it now). Journalism for Digital Media—Website, Web Letters. Home Economics or Culinary classes and Cosmetology. English can add Creative Writing or Poetry or Fiction—one semester, Marine Biology, some specific study class in History.
- **What needs developing in our Magnet Program**—Journalism should be developed. Prospect application counts were so low that we could not make one class of journalism. Photography and yearbook will be combined. New art teacher will be working on photography and allow other art teachers to focus on the art. Need to consider a media art teacher which can work on yearbook photos and writing.
- Does the district offer Photojournalism? What is the certification?
- Need higher numbers in band as well as more instruments. Uniforms and instruments need to be purchased. We have a surplus of magnet money to spend before the end of the year. Magnet money will be allocated to purchase or replace items, and/or make repairs on instruments. Eventually, students will be required to rent their own instruments.

- We will look into seeing if students can rent them from Westbury?
- We need to work on our theater program. Current interest is low. Building Facilities need improvement. We will look into redesigning the room as a black box instead of the auditorium. Personnel adjustments may need to be made as well.

Staffing Patterns

- **Add Engineering, art/yearbook, auto tech**

Professional Development

- **ESL**

School Organization

- **Uniforms and ID badges – same for next year?** Invest in better lanyards and forget the cover to keep the ids legible. Pay \$5 for other schools. Temporary IDs are getting passed out before school. Same as next year or change? Get rid of the plastic cover. Any revisions? Khaki only, no rips in jeans/no holes. Spirit shirts every day. PTO wants to sell the shirts next year. Keep the college shirts on Wednesday.
- **Rewards System for Attendance...scanners**—The cost for scanners that can be used with the digital point system is \$1500 each. Kids who are committed to getting points will participate but there will be kids that don't care about the points. We may be able to use Title 1 money. We have the printers to print tickets. Question: are the scanners part of hero? Yes. Should be able to justify cost for title 1. We have been talking about it so go ahead with it. What happens if it doesn't work? Can use for tracking and scanners won't go to waste if the point system is ineffective.
- **Announcement – what time of day**—announcements are now taking place during the 2nd period of the day. How is it going? When it's 1st period the 5 minutes is late. Teachers don't like the interruption. One teacher likes the announcements with the ADA. Teachers getting their day started right away now that the announcement is later.

Other/Questions

- Title funds – NEARPOD is an app that improves engagement. We can use it across content areas to benefit students.
- GOALBOOK is another app. Classroom management scaffold management tool. It's in the HUB. Its' special education app originally. It can be used for behavior.
- Suggestion for next year – use TURN It In—plagiarism check. District had it but now it doesn't pay for it.
- Do we have a senior or two that was a troubled freshman that changed their way, how it affects them? Need to talk to freshman.

- AP waiver when they fail for the 6 weeks. Kids are participating in activities when they are failing their class. 10 point bump for AP. UIL doesn't matter. Some kids missing multiple days for choir and band. Need to update handbook guidelines regarding field trips and the above when students are failing their coursework.