

# SDMC

November 14, 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

- New system for Chancery

### Budget

- Tutorials
- Grad Lab
- Stipends

### Curriculum

- Focus on STAAR Retesters
- Increasing passing for AP courses and adding one AP course a year

### Staffing Patterns

- Wraparound position
- ELA Specialist or AP

### Professional Development

- Science Department attended training

### School Organization

### Other/Questions

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## Meeting Minutes

### Planning

- **New system for Chancery**—no Chancery next year. Improve on how it works for next year. New system is Infinite Campus. Suggestions or comments on Master Schedule. 9<sup>th</sup> grade is full. Projection was difficult. Common planning for World Geo is requested. It's difficult for all PLCs to get common planning. Goal class size is what? Ideally, 25-30. ELL classes are smaller but that is by design. Wheatley has social studies teaching STAAR. Students are not graduating due to STAAR. Double and triple blocking for CTE is a challenge. Offer some options for some CTE classes. Coaching issues is getting in the way of planning. US History team is not meeting for PLC but now they are tutoring during planning time.

### Budget

- **Tutorials**—chuck of the budget is used for tutorials.
- **Grad Lab**-Saturday camp for credit recovery. Sign up 200 kids and 84 kids attend. Students need to take advantage of it. Do the kids sign a contract? Have students sign contract. Can we find another way – do an evening for a few hours. Would teachers stay? Idea of having it Saturday, 3 nights for 3 hours, and then a Saturday. Last year we had 146 dropouts. Students using credit recovery as a crutch. Have the parents commit to credit recovery. We need the student phone numbers updated. Get parents involved in the process for students to graduate. Students are not completing the Apex/Grad lab courses.
- **Stipends**—Not Title 1 -- much of the money goes to coaching and most of it is football. That is normal for HS.

### Curriculum

- **Focus on STAAR Retesters**—revamped what they are doing for re-testers. English 4 teachers are focusing on those students that need to pass STAAR. Kids need their mindset changed. Some students have never passed a STAAR test. Four days of STAAR mini-camp for re-testers.
- **Increasing passing for AP courses and adding one AP course a year**—Next year we will add AP statistics. Need to watch testing/scores on existing AP classes. Idea to move the kid to another area if they refuse to write. What is the view on AP Classes? Is it better to have bigger classes to have kids exposed or better to move them out to get the

scores. Need to keep the numbers up. We also need to get our GT numbers up. Bellaire HS requires AP projects over the summer.

### **Staffing Patterns**

- **Wraparound position**—someone to find resources for parent like find glasses. Can help with graduation. Applicant must have a bachelors, it's 11 months, 2 year position. 84 applications. Help with attendance too. Attendance is down.
- **ELA Specialist or AP**—If we hire an AP, that person needs to have extensive experience in English.

### **Professional Development**

- **Science Department attended training**—National Science Conference (CAST). Thursday-Saturday were the days the teachers attended.

### **School Organization**

### **Other/Questions**

Hoodies: groups are asking to sell. Jackets with school colors and not sweatshirts. What is the price comparison? Fundraisers to sell hoodies. Can other organizations sell hoodies?

Need carts and what is the insurance?