

SDMC

October 4, 2016

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

- Second Semester Block Schedule

Budget

- Food sells
- Dollar store sells

Curriculum

- STAAR Tutoring

Staffing Patterns

- Still need math and possibly CTE

Professional Development

- PTO...grants...amount?

School Organization

- Officers...visibility

Other/Questions

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Planning: Second semester block schedule -- it was proposed to go to an every other day block schedule next semester. Topic will be raised at the faculty meeting.

Concerns: why do we need to change? Need to be able to communicate schedule to students: flags out front, posters with weekly schedule posted at front, annex and 9th grade campus

Support: content and due dates will be easier for staff to manage, easier to guarantee the number of A day and B days is consistent

Idea to change announcements: revise schedule to give 5 extra minutes to 3rd/4th periods for announcements and ADA attendance.

Food Sales: discussed issue with selling food close to lunch time. Idea was presented to sell tickets before school and only students that are on-time can purchase the food for lunch.

Concerns: counterfeit tickets

Ideas: use tickets, hero, or technology to track food sales purchase

Dollar Store: kids are throwing wrapper and bottles around campus after school. Band should be responsible for cleaning up since they are getting the profits.

Neighborhood complaining about trash around campus. Community member investigating WHS partner with TXDOT on trash issue. NHS is starting a recycling program on campus.

STAAR tutoring: discussed ideas on how to help students prepare for STAAR. Saturday tutorials are ineffective. Suggestions: teacher with re-testers give homework that is STAAR practice—it might be off the subject but it could help boost a struggling student's grades. Khan Academy and APEX also could be used to help support re-testing.

PTO Grants: what is a reasonable limit for PTO grants? \$500/teacher and only one per year.

One teacher had a concern with police officer visibility but staff felt police officers were doing well. Community member suggested restarting POP program – parents on patrol – parents patrol perimeter to help with students before and after school.

Staff asked for a least 24 hours notice for field trips. Teachers would like to hold failing students back for performance/non-UIL field trips.

Office workers are using cell phones and that is against school policy. Offices need to collect phones.

Superintendent coming on Thursday. Building upgrades are happening. Community is notified with flyer by Westbury Civic Club.