



SUGAR GROVE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 2/27/2019

Location: Data Den:

Time/Minutes: 4:15pm – 5:39pm, equivalent to 84 Minutes

Present Participants:

- a. **School Principal:** Mr. Orlando Reyna
- b. **School Staff Teachers:** Ms. Angy Ibarra, Ms. Sarah C. Angers & Ms. Lanyll Johnson
- c. **Community Members:** Ms. Sue Lloyd
- d. **Parent/Community Member/Scriber:** Ms. Gloria E. Macias
- e. **Business Member:** Miguel Dominguez

Agenda/Discussion:

1. SDMC Meeting Minutes from last meeting
2. SDMC Chair Person – Medical Absence
3. Follow us on Twitter
4. Improvement Required Program/Campus – Requires hard work, extra hours and commitment from the faculty and staff to excel to Met Standards. Harsh reality, is that in an Improvement Required campus the preparation, pay and worked hours are the same or more versus a met standard school.
5. Current list of events/actions to improve school performance and move to MET standards.
 - A. Mock Test in process for preparation of the Start Test scheduled for April.
 - B. Current Reward Program/Scholar Dollars to Improve performance, behavior and attendance is grade level driven (6th, 7th and 8th).
 - C. Lote-Mathica. 3/7/19 – Special guests to participate; Houston Public Library and Zero Degrees)
 - D. Dinner Donations for the Lote-Mathica. School Dinner Program does not allow to feed parents
 - E. Mr. Huckaby – 8th Grade Star Test Preparation Program. Math star test scheduled for 4/4.
 - F. Scholar Dollars can be earned by asking questions, helping others and good deeds.
 - G. Saturday tutorials is provided to the students that will excel the Star Test to help offset the number of the students that will not make a favorable score.
 - H. BIG SCHOOL PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE STUDENTS THAT EXCEL START TEST (I.E. BICYLCES, TV'S, WIRELESS EARPLUGS, ETC)

- I. Camping event during spring break week (3/11-3/14) for 7th graders to excel in the Star Writing test scheduled for 4/9.
 - a. Breakfast for 1 day will be donated by Ms. Macias (Chick-Fil-A)
 - b. Lunch for 2 days will be donated by Mr. Dominguez (Patron Pizza)

6. PILOT PROGRAM (Max 20 students) – Next Year for 8th grade students over age. Must meet several requirements in order to be placed in 9th grade mid-year. Details as follows:
 - A. Lab curriculum to promote 8th graders at mid-year will consist of the following factors: passing grades, attendance and summer school.
 - B. Retained students over age have a 75% chance of dropping out of school.
7. HIGH SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE IS AFFECTED BY 5 and 6yr graduates
 - A. Per State Law if you miss 10% of school year you will not be given a credit.
 - B. An asterisk (*) will be placed next to the class with no credit received.
 - C. Principals – Audit transcripts/attendance for the possibility of saving a graduate.
8. Ms. Sue Lloyd Presented the following activities/involvement/participation of the surrounding schools & community:
 - A. Loteria – Make your own Bingo - SGA is having a Lote-Mathica event
 - B. SCAN Advertisement – Distributed via mail to over 6700 residential homes.
 - C. Pancho Clause Parade – Scheduled (possible) for the end of school year (Friday, May 31st.) – Such event will consist of School Band drill dancers/cheerleaders from nearby schools, etc.
 - D. Music & Liberal Arts/Electives Program – Because of the fact that the school is currently an Improvement Required Campus electives and music are secondary and not the main focus at this time. It will be very hard for Dr. Stevens to schedule and run a music program without the help of an assistant. Possibly Tony Tuckwiller, Retired Music teacher can volunteer in the future.
9. Public Education Funding:
 - A. Sen. **Paul Bettencourt**, R-Houston, who sits on the Commission of Public Education **Funding**
 - B. \$5k Raise will not motivate a teacher for their hard work. \$20K raise/compensation will make a difference.
10. 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony – Considering holding the 8th Grade graduation ceremony at Sharpstown High School
- 11. COMMUNITY/PARENT INVOLVEMENT - ALL VOULUNTERS MUST BE VIPS APPROVED. IMPROVE PARENT PARTICIPATION - Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) recruits thousands of parents and community partners to donate their time, resources, and knowledge in support of the district's primary goal to increase student achievement**
12. FINALLY, the behavior and attendance at Sugar Grove Academy have improved and is currently a more positive atmosphere.