



WALTRIP HIGH SCHOOL

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SDMC MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday December 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEMS	TIME	NOTES/MINUTES
1. Welcome	2 min	<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> AP Issa <input type="checkbox"/> AP Bell <input type="checkbox"/> AP A. Martinez <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Dowiak <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Dudley <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Beatty<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. M. Ortega <input type="checkbox"/> Harris Ms. Shoney (PTO President)
2. Celebrate Teachers and Students	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Action Plan Discussion Data Insights and Strategic Goals<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Dowiak:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Engaged in thoughtful discussion on ensuring all key tasks are achievable with current staffing.Highlighted the importance of balancing instructional time with data collection to maintain meaningful results.Shared insights on setting unified benchmarks across student sub-populations to support equitable growth.<input type="checkbox"/> Principal Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shared strategies for leveraging tools like OnTrack data and spot observation trends to meet annual goals.Emphasized the importance of incorporating multiple modes of learning (reading, writing, listening, speaking) into daily instruction.Highlighted ongoing progress in reducing achievement gaps, particularly in English I and II, showcasing positive trends in reading scores.
3. Action Plan / Data / CCMR	10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Attendance<input type="checkbox"/> Principal Cortez:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identified key opportunities to improve attendance, particularly for 9th graders.Celebrated a team effort to address attendance challenges with focused strategies.<input type="checkbox"/> AP Bell:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explained how targeted support for credit-deficient students is helping address attendance trends.<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher and Student Support Ideas<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Appreciation Hour in November was a fantastic opportunity to build community and was well-received by staff.Exciting ideas were shared for recognizing and rewarding students and teachers, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Providing school store credits for students demonstrating significant improvements.Offering gift cards as quiet, meaningful acknowledgments for students who meet attendance or behavior goals.Creating a Google Form for teachers and staff to share positive feedback about students, fostering a culture of encouragement and recognition.Fundraising Opportunities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">PTO encouraged collaboration with other groups to increase participation and shared success.Example: ROTC successfully participated in providing a basket for Jazz Night.A shared vision for all fundraising efforts will strengthen our collective impact.Next Steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">AP Bell and Ms. Cortez are partnering to enhance participation and align fundraising strategies with school needs.

4. Staffing Update – English/Biology	5 min	<input type="checkbox"/> Staffing Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Team Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcoming a new English teacher in January! ○ Thrilled to have a new Biology teacher already contributing to the team.
5. Upcoming Assessments	5 min	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Semester Assessment Week: Exciting progress happening next week! • STAAR Testing: Scheduled for the spring, with preparations well underway. <input type="checkbox"/> College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by AP Martinez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celebrating growth! Our goal is to move from 91% to 96%, and we've already climbed from 41% to 76% since the start of the year. • Key Areas of Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Texas College Bridge program showing positive momentum. ○ TSI assessment progress (both Math and English must pass). ○ Industry-Based Certifications in CTE pathways, with health science certifications launching in February. ○ Dual credit success stories, with results forthcoming in January. ○ Opportunities to expand participation in the OnRamps program for even greater impact. • Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field trip to HELC inspired students and contributed to a jump in CCMR points. ○ AP Saturday Academies drew 69 students, reflecting strong engagement.
6. Open Floor	10 min	