

MINUTES - SDMC Meeting – Waltrip HS
Meeting Called by Jeanette Cortez', Principal
Thursday, January 16, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS		TIME	MINUTES
XI.	Welcome	2 min	Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal Cortez AP Cano Mr. Beatty Mr. Gray Ms. Shoney, PTO President Ms. Dudley Mr. Dowiak Teacher Evaluation System (TES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TES will impact salaries, but specifics are still to be determined. The district is pivoting away from T-TESS. T-TESS Framework Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33% = Spot Observations 22% = Formal 45-minute Evaluations 34% = Student Achievement 11% = Domain 4 (Professionalism, Practice & Responsibilities) The first three components account for 65% of the teacher score. Schools can submit up to three choices for evaluation frameworks. Panorama Student Surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panorama is the current provider of student surveys. Already piloted at 12 campuses this year. Additional elements may be considered for input at a future date, such as Distinguished Teacher Feedback. Question (Dowiak): How will administrators be evaluated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response (Pr. Cortez): Separate framework introduced last year. TES Framework Options Option A
XII.	Play Recording of Slides	10 min	
XIII.	Explore Additional Resources	5 min	
XIV.	TES Framework (slides 15-20)	10 min	
XV.	Deliberation on TES framework	30 min	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning & Professionalism: 15%• Campus Action Plan: 10%• Student Achievement: 30% (Includes Spot Checks)• Quality of Instruction: 45%• Many components; evidence submission for six components. <p>Option B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning & Professionalism: 15%• Campus Action Plan: 5%• Student Achievement: 35% (Includes Spot Checks)• Quality of Instruction: 45% <p>Option C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group did not support Options A, B, or C.• Nearly reached consensus on Option E. <p>Option D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning & Professionalism: 15%• Campus Action Plan: 5%• Student Survey: 5%• Student Achievement: 35% (Includes Spot Checks)• Quality of Instruction: 40% <p>Option E (Preferred Choice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning & Professionalism: 15%• Student Survey: 10%• Student Achievement: 30% (Includes Spot Checks)• Quality of Instruction: 35%• Campus Action Plan: 10%• Rationale: Higher teacher control over evaluation factors.• Concern (Gray): Student surveys should include all students a teacher has, not a small sample, to ensure validity.• Teacher feedback meetings scheduled; dates forthcoming. <p>Master Schedule for Next Year Question (Dowiak): How will we improve scheduling?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response (Pr. Cortez): Work began before winter break.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full counseling staff is now in place.• AP Martinez, Pr. Cortez, and Counselor West leading the process.• Changes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Math & English double blocks will continue.○ Core courses will include "Reading 1" or "Reading 2."○ AP courses are set next.• Follow-up: Course catalog availability?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Response: HISD produces the document, but each school offers a unique subset of courses. A school-specific list will be available soon.○ AP teachers should continue recruiting students for next year. <p>Scheduling Challenges & Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue: Predictable data loss from past years.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Last year, constraints were added to lock student schedules.○ Concern (Dowiak): Two-week blackout period required extensive effort to fix. Other schools use Excel before uploading schedules.○ Response (Pr. Cortez): Ms. West has 12 years of experience in this system and understands the next steps.• Issue: Gaps in student schedules.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Question (Dowiak): Are there reports tracking holes in schedules?○ Response (Pr. Cortez): Yes.• Counselor Availability:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Question (Dowiak): Can we incentivize counselors to work over the summer?○ Response (Pr. Cortez): No budget for incentives, but we do have a 12-month counselor and are working on adding another.• Improving Course Selection Process:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Concern (Gray): Students should have an improved system to select electives easily.○ Response (Pr. Cortez): Teachers and counselors must actively recruit students for courses. <p>Next Meeting March 5, 2025</p>
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