

MINUTES

SDMC Minutes

Date | time 4/11/18 4:05 PM -5:23 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Ms. Tonya Miller

In Attendance

- Tonya Miller: Principal
- Pablo Victor: ITCSR/CIT
- Melodie Jordan: Teacher
- Joshua Silberman: Teacher
- Jonett Miniell: Business Representative
- Allison Matney: Parent
- Andrew Chan: PTO President

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read and for the Quarter 3 meeting and approved at 4:05pm.

Board

The Principal, community members, and parents were greeted. Four members were present for the meeting.

Principal's Report

Principal Tonya Miller presented her report

Old Business

- SDMC Expectations
 - Meet quarterly regarding campus events, decisions, and share information to the community.
- HISD Transportation
 - Challenge will continue to follow this year's bell schedule, and will not follow the standardized times throughout the district.

New Business

- National Blue-Ribbon Application Submitted
 - Several teachers and staff helped with the application process.
 - The school will receive news in Fall 2018 regarding the award.
- Waivers
 - Challenge will be submitting several waivers for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Local- HISD Policy
 - Pass/Fail credit regarding students taking a class more than once. (EX: Theater and Yearbook)
 - 9-week grading cycle: Challenge would like to remain on the 4 9-week grading cycles.
 - Bus transportation: Submitting waiver for our students to be picked up/dropped off differently from the HISD standardized times.
- Recruitment
 - Challenge HS will accept 135- 9th graders. No new students will be accepted after August 12th per District Magnet rules and regulations.

- Budget
 - Staff updates
 - 1-2 teachers possibly leaving. There will be no changes to staff numbers in the 2018-2019 academic school year.
- Instructional Calendar
 - The 2018-19 academic school calendar is available on the HISD website.
- Student Impacted by Harvey
 - PTO provided gift cards to families during the Winter season.
 - Advisories will continue to monitor students who may still need assistance.
- Student laptop fees
 - As per approved District guidelines, schools will collect an additional \$25 if the student damages his/her laptop.
- Other student fees
 - Tabled for next SDMC meeting
- Questions
 - Question was asked regarding AP Capstone:
 - AP Capstone was approved last academic school year. Challenge is currently offering AP Seminar to 24 students this year, and 24 new students next year. Mr. Joshua Silberman will teach both sections of AP Seminar and AP Research in the 2018-19 school year. AP Capstone is a two-year program, and students will still participate in advisory activities as they will still be considered facilitators in their advisories.
 - Question was asked regarding a school nurse:
 - Challenge will explore the option of hiring a school nurse next school year.
 - At this time, we share nurses with Pin Oak Middle School.
 - Mr. Victor will check to see if Houston Community College has a school nurse/clinic at the West Loop Campus.

Next Meeting

SDMC Committee will be emailed for the next SDMC meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:23p.m. and was passed unanimously.