

West Briar's SDMC Meeting Minutes

Date	Monday, January 28, 2019
Call to order	4:00 pm by Gabriel Lopez, Principal
Attendees	Sarah Castro, Geoff Phillips, Leslie Demny, Kellye Levenson, Heather Robilotto, Maribel Guzman, Paige Miller, Leif Hall, Corey Gonsoulin, Nikki Witherspoon.
Agenda Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Academic Vision</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lopez updated the committee on the long term and short term academic goals and vision. • Mr. Lopez shared updated demographic information. • Ms. Demny and Mrs. Robilotto shared an updated vision for drill/cheer/dance next year. • Mr. Lopez noted Wednesday's (1/30) climate walkthrough for staff and parents in partnership with HISD's Family and Community Engagement Department. • Mr. Lopez shared that the 6th grade round up for incoming 6th graders will be held April 25, 2019. 2. <u>Academic Vision Q&A</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move away from competitive aspects of the current Honey Bears Drill Team. Reduced cost for a dance company and more of a focus on the art of dance, rather than precision and technique. • 8th grade student mentioned a desire for more challenging and exploratory work for students in all classes. Mentioned concern of all work/projects being due at the same time. • Parent mentioned exploration of more real-world work for students (ie internships). She also mentioned more of a focus on reducing homework. • Elective wheel was discussed. Teacher mentioned that the current format doesn't allow students to truly explore content and a lack of time to build genuine, professional student/teacher rapport. • Parent asked about research into PBL for middle school and the possibility of cross-curricular planning and work. • Discussion of more clubs to help ensure that students zoned to West Briar attend West Briar and have as full an educational experience as possible. Specifically, chess club, student government and a debate club were mentioned. • Parent asked about the creation of a mentor program for students that have additional social emotional needs.
Adjourned	5:38 pm