

Heights High School

Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018

Present:

Principal: Wendy Hampton

Dean of Instruction: Nichole Gamez

Dean of Students: Dr. Yul Everline

IB & Advance Academics: Cristina Bagos

Campus Instructional Technologist: Tisha Mesa

Librarian: Horace Shane Kenney

Teachers: Rebecca Ozuna, Warren T Johnson, Mark Johnson, Christopher Walton, Natasha Cruz, Khoon Tan, Mark Gongora

Community Members: Anne Sloan

I. Call to Order & Roll

II. Campus Updates:

a. IB Program—Bagos

- There are 42 senior IB Diploma Candidates. Some are behind on the requirements.
- IB student exams have begun.
- IB recruitment is expected to start in February.

b. Power Up--Mesa

- Mr. Quiroz left to Briargrove Elementary. we are in the process of hiring a replacement for the PowerUp team.
- Mr. Kenney, Mr. Krohn and I are working together to keep the powerup office up and running.
- Quality Control: 48 laptops broken but not in the footprint ticket system. 14 Lost/Stolen reports, found 5. Reaching out to students to come and pickup.
- Beginning this week, January 22nd, the team is looking at the powerup spreadsheet to make sure a student has paid the \$25. When Harvey happened, we gave a grace period, if a laptop comes in

broken, we will check to see if student has paid and the history of the student. They will need to pay \$25 if they have not paid. Payment arrangements can be made with Ms. Mesa. The student can pay online or cash. If it's their second broken offense, the student will be sent to Dr. Everline for further discussions with the parent.

- Received 190 new laptop bags

c. Magnet--Hampton

- This plan has not yet been presented to the school board. However there are plans to significantly alter magnet programs in HISD. HISD plans to divide the district into four quadrants. Each quadrant will have a magnet feeder pattern. There can only be one type in each quadrant. For instance, Heights is a technology magnet. There cannot be another technology magnet in the same quadrant.
- Under the proposed plan, students will only receive transportation if they attend a magnet school in the quadrant in which they live.
- There is no word on how this will affect current students. There is hope current students can finish where they started.
- All vanguard magnets will be going away.

d. Budget Update—Hampton

- HISD is facing a budget shortfall of \$200+million. This will substantially reduce budgets across the district. The shortfall is due to recapture and a decreasing tax revenue and declining enrollment from Hurricane Harvey.
- In addition to the shortfall, HISD is changing the funding model it uses for schools. Instead of the current PUA model (where schools receive a lump sum of \$ and then determine how it will be allocated based on campus needs), schools will receive a number of positions based on enrollment. The reason given for the switch is that it will make schools more equitable for all students.

e. Staffing Update--Hampton

- Interviews for registrar begin

III. Old/Unfinished Business

a. Ad Hoc SDMC Committees updates

- Mr. Mark Johnson, Ms Natasha Cruz and Mr. Nicholas Jefferson have formed an Intervention committee to improve student intervention within the classroom and throughout the campus.
- Ms. Cruz will send out a staff wide calendar invite to ask those interested to participate with concerns, ideas and solutions at next meeting.

b. Intervention Schedule for Spring 2018: Mrs. Gamez

- Heights has begun a Monday, Wednesday and Friday elongated advocacy. Mr. Partridge has a lesson setup to link students and teachers into Khan Academy and College board accounts.
- Incentives for both staff and student was discussed. A few suggestions: free dress day, free parking space

c. 2018 – 2019 Bell Schedule: Dr. Everline

- There is a district standardized time for next year. All high schools are 8:30am - 3:50pm
- A new bell schedule will be presented at the next SDMC meeting

IV. New Business

a. PTO wants to beautify the front lawn of the campus with a colorful and eye-catching piece of art. They want it to be welcoming and attract visitors. The project is actually two-fold. First being the front lawn and second is community wide art installation. It is scheduled to meet with Mr. David Adickes, local artist known for the President's busts 'Mount Rush Hour', Sam Houston at SHSU. PTO is looking for his

input and guidance as to product and layout.

- FRONT LAWN: PTO would like to have seven colorful bulldogs one for each letter of "HEIGHTS". Drawings and pictures to follow. PTO wants to capture the diversity of the campus and the vibrant Heights community.
- COMMUNITY WIDE: As a fundraiser for our scholarship fund, we'd like to have student clubs and invite a few artists to decorate a bulldog. The statues will be auctioned off and installed throughout the neighborhood
- Question asked: Are these installations permanent? Yes, they are.

V. Other: Everline

a. Parking: Mr. Dohoney will be monitoring the parking lot to prevent students from parking upstairs. This will allow more spaces for visitors.

b. Safety:

- There have been car break-ins from those who have parked along the street and not at the designated locations for students and staff.
- Fire drill will happen at the end of January.
- Lock down drill is scheduled for February.
 - SDMC teachers requested shades to cover the windows on the doors.
- Concern: Second floor of the main building: too many students unattended before/after school. Posters are requested to remind students to remain in the first floor.

VI. Calendar Review:

- January 31st: Bernie Bus on Yale to raise funds for #Wishlist
- January 25th: First Coffee with the Principal in the Teaching Theater
- January 25th: PTO Meeting