

Heights High School

Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Present: Interim-Principal: Robert Michaels-Johnson; IB Diploma Coordinator: Cristina Bagos; Librarian: Horace “Shane” Kenney; Campus Instructional Technologist: Tisha Mesa; Teachers: Rebecca Ozuna, Warren T Johnson, Mark Johnson, Christopher Walton, Natasha Cruz, Fernando Fernandez; PTO President: Leslie Ball; Community Members: Peter Marmo, Anne Sloan, Emily Cole

I. Welcome:

- Mr. Michaels-Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.
- Principal search is ongoing. Second rounds tomorrow (11th)

II. School Improvement Plan (SIP) –Review and Discussion: Mr. Michaels

- Mr. Michaels read over the executive summary of the 2017-2018 SIP
- SIP: Goals and Objectives listed on page 12
 - Increase Student Achievement
 - Improve Safety, Public Support, and Confidence
 - Special Population Goals and Strategies
- Heights High School Student population: 2365
- *Question: What does the Intervention Assistance Team (IAT) look like at Heights?* Ms. McAfee leads the campus IAT to ensure high risk students receive the support they need to be successful
- Mr. Fernandez moves to vote for the SIP and WT Johnson seconds
- SIP passes unanimously

III. IB Update: Ms. Bagos

- IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) update: It’s a self-study year where we review units, policies and the program on campus. We are up for evaluation this school year.
- The sophomore class met with their mentors about their IB Personal Project (PP) last Wednesday, October 4, 2017. The 10th graders are working on their PP through their World History class.
- IB Diploma Programme update:
 - 56 Juniors have entered the IB DP programme.
 - 40 Seniors all made at least 2 or higher in the sciences IB Test last spring (biology or environmental systems). The students are working to fulfill their requirements this year to graduate with an IB Diploma.

IV. IB Update: Ms. Bagos (Continues)

- Heights has been granted candidacy for the IB Career Programme (CP). This is the last IB programme to incorporate in high school. CP goes along with our CTE sequences. CP is designed “to engage in career-related learning”. The CP application is due April 1 and a visit is scheduled for late spring.

V. PowerUp Update: Ms. Mesa

- 1100 Laptops were deployed before the Harvey. After Harvey, several high schools, including Heights, were short laptop devices. The storm delayed parts for the damaged laptops, hundreds more had water damage at other locations along with an increase in our student population, Heights was left short-handed. As of today (Oct. 10), 100% of our student body should have a laptop.

VI. Mission of SDMC: Mr. Mark Johnson

- Mr. Mark Johnson opened the discussion on how SDMC might be conducted. Johnson would like the SDMC to more clearly include the mission of the Faculty Advisory Committee, which at Heights is blended with the SDMC. Some ongoing committees suggested included: dress code, bell schedule, and advocacy periods.
- Community members would like to be utilized more and given the opportunity for input on challenge solutions for the campus.

VII. Community and PTO Announcements:

- The Heights Holiday Home Tour has been cancelled
- Learn Local is hosting a Charity Open golf tournament November 4th. Learn Local would like to host a 4-some of golfers from Heights. For more information: www.learnlocalopen.com/
- Travis Elementary - Carnival is Saturday, October 28th
- German Club- Oktoberfest is Wednesday, October 25th
- PTO: A Teacher grant program has started. Teachers can fill out the form on the Heights PTO website (heightsPTO.org) The grant is up to \$500 and the request needs to be made at least a month before you need the funds.

VIII. Counterfeit Money Alert:

- The PTO has encountered \$120 in fake bills. The PTO has started a new process to slow down the lunch crowd in hopes to lessen the chance of counterfeits. HISD and law enforcement have been called to investigate the situation. So far, two students have been identified.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting date: January 16, 2018, 4pm at Heights High School Principal's Conference Room.

Meeting dismissed at 4:54pm