

NSHS SDMC - August 17, 2018

Minutes submitted by L Meacham, SDMC Secretary

Welcome - Ryan Penner welcomed the committee back to campus. The Shared Decision Committee (SDMC) exists per state law and HISD policy. The overall purpose of the SDMC is to oversee the big picture vision and policies of the school. The SDMC provides another set of eyes to help our campus administration and to communicate information and feedback between the administration and the SDMC constituencies (parents, community members, teachers, non-instructional personnel, business representatives). The SDMC will help to facilitate communication between the new faculty/staff committees and provide coordination/oversight of those committees. A critical role of the SDMC relates to the creation and approval of the annual School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Officer Elections -

Co-Chair - Paloma Garner was nominated and affirmed by unanimous vote

Secretary - Louisa Meacham was nominated and affirmed by unanimous vote

Parliamentarian - Ryan Penner was nominated and affirmed by unanimous vote

Committee Liaison - Halee Porter was nominated and affirmed by unanimous vote

Ms. Garner will work with Ms. Gonzales to set the SDMC agendas. Ms. Meacham will type the minutes and submit them to the Google drive and to Mr. Brown for inclusion onto the NSHS web page.

Meeting Schedule - The SDMC meets twice a semester. The remaining meetings for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows: November 7, January 15 and March 5. All meetings will take place in room F219 from 4:10-5:10PM. There is a possibility of a meeting in May pending any SDMC business that pertains to the end of the year or the summer months. The May meeting will depend on the HISD window designated for SDMC meetings.

School Improvement Plan (SIP) - A group of @ 15 people have been working diligently over the summer to create the SIP. It will be possible to vote on it in the near future. Keep an eye on your inbox and we will vote virtually via an online platform next week.

Open Positions - All campus-based positions have been filled after nominations and voting this week. Good representation on the committee with the exception of custodial and food services. The PTO will meet in special session very soon to elect the remaining parent representative. Ms. Del Torres was nominated and affirmed by unanimous vote to serve as a business representative. Cynthia Revello Reyes (Avenue CDC) will serve as the remaining community representative.

Old Business - Based on a recommendation at the SDMC meeting last spring, Ms. Mindiola will be working with our HISD District 1 trustee to facilitate a NSHS Student Leadership meeting focused on getting student input into the current student handbook. The senior class officers

and student council representatives from 10th and 11th grade have been invited to take part in the meeting. The meeting will take place on August 23 from 9-11 AM in room 119.

New business -

Backpacks - The expectation this year is that students will have clear backpacks. Numerous call outs and information via online platforms have gone out to parents regarding this expectation. The campus has received a number of clear backpacks with a panther logo that can be exchanged for a mesh backpack if a student has already purchased one of those. (The mesh backpacks will be returned to the student at the end of the school day on which the exchange took place.)

Tardy/Attendance Committee - Mr. Medina reported on some new ideas brainstormed by this committee. One of the primary ideas is to have hall passes color coded by floor/area of the school so that teachers on hall duty can see at a glance if a student is far from their classroom location. (Example: a student with a yellow 3rd floor hall pass should not be using the restrooms on the 1st floor.)

Members present:

Shilpa Sarang, Teacher, ELA
Gabriella Mindiola, Teacher, SS
Louisa Meacham, Teacher, ELA
Halee Porter, Teacher, CATE
Del Torres, Business
Venus Rodriguez, Parent
Sandra Reyna-Urbina, Teacher, Fine Arts
Antonio Medina, Teachers, SS
Gloria Chavez, PowerUp office
Paloma Garner, College Readiness Office
Martha Martinez, Counselor
Cecilia Gonzales, Principal
Ruth Kravetz, Dean of Instruction
Jessica Bowdoin, Teacher, ELA
Ericca Tucker, Counselor
Ryan Penner, Teacher, Math
Mike Porter, Teacher, Health/PE

Members absent:

M Haenicke
V Okoli
A Davis