

Heights High School
Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

<p><i>Present:</i></p> <p>Principal: Wendy Hampton Advanced Academics Assistant Principal: Cristina Bagos Campus Instructional Technologist: Tisha Mesa Title 1 Coordinator: Elizabeth Payne</p>	<p>Teachers: Jorge Batrez, Janet Orfield, Troy Bullock, James Johnson, Isaac Chao, Cynthia Medina, Dawn Moses, Michael Partridge Community & Parent Members: Armando Alaniz, Dianne Holliman, Amy Maddox Business Member: Wendy Tilford Non-instructional Staff: Annette Cuellar,</p>
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I. **Call to Order:** 4:10pm

II. **Campus Updates:**

- A) **STAAR EOC December Re-Testers:** For seniors to graduate, they must pass three of the five EOC exams (English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology and US History). If they pass three exams and have no success in passing the final two, they are given an alternative project. Right now, only three seniors have not pass three exams.
- B) **Budget:** We lost money due to enrollment, but due to a change in how funding formula for State Compensatory Education, we made up almost all of the losses in the general fund. State Comp funds have more restrictions on how it can be spent but overall we are still in a much better position than first expected.
- C) **Staffing:** Ms. Brigham retired in December and Heights was able to rehire Mrs. Moctezuma as the new 9th grade counselor.
- D) **Open Positions:** Ms. Bryant also retired in December and her position is now open. HHS will also reopen an English position for spring semester.

III. **Old Business/Unfinished Business**

- A) **Student Drop off concern:** Heights has reached out to Risk Management for an appointment to do a full campus walkthrough, to identify additional security concerns.
- B) **CTE Program Change:** Surveys will soon be shared with students and staff about Heights CTE programs. The outcome will only affect the incoming 9th graders.

IV. **New Business:**

- A) **New course for 2020-2021:** OnRamps Physics: The new course “offers distance education course(s) through a dual enrollment model.” (<https://onramps.utexas.edu/>) Our students will be able to choose if the credit counts for college credit or not.

According to the website, students will be led by a high school instructor and a college instructor of record.

V. Other:

A) Campus Safety and Security: Ms Hampton met with each grade level and reminded them about the importance of if you see/hear it please tell someone or use the “Say Anything” app which is the anonymous sandy hook app located on our Heights High School web page and in the HUB.

- Risk Management has walked through the A Building and will be back to walk the entire campus to take a look at all the entry access areas.
- Teachers are requesting more card access door pads to make it easier to go to one building to another after school hours.
- Teacher’s concern was the card access to A Building side door does not work.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45pm

Next scheduled SDMC Meeting:

March 24, 2020

May 19, 2020