

# Young Women's College Preparatory Academy

## SDMC Meeting Minutes

*February 1, 2018 at 3:54 pm | Meeting called to order by Principal April Williams, Ed*

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### In Attendance

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Principal April Williams, Ed	Dean Tiffany Bob	Dean Katrena Brantley
Philip Caggiano	Tiffany Chambers-Burrell	Vinoy Cyriac
Jasmine Haynes	Sandra Lockett	Tiffany Smith
Sherrell Weathersby-Harris	Nelva Williamson	

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### Approval of Minutes

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SDMC members were ask to review the previous meeting minutes. The minutes from previous SDMC meeting date November 29, 2017 were read silently. Mr. Caggiano motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Chambers-Burrell second the motion. The motion was carried and minutes were approved as written.

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### Approval of Today's Agenda

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One (1) item was added to the agenda under the Budget heading. Item added: Retention Plan – Teacher Group for Marketing YWCPA. Mr. Caggiano motioned to approve the February 1, 2018 SMDC Agenda and Mrs. Chambers Burrell second the motion. The motion was carried and the February 1, 2018 SDMC Agenda was approved. Principal Williams thanks Mr. Caggiano for his suggestion of forming a teacher group to address retention. Principal Williams informed Mr. Caggiano that Mrs. Chambers-Burrell would be a good resource for helping with this task.

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### Meeting Structure

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Principal Williams, thank everyone for attending and that she would be respectful of everyone's time. She informed the attendees that she visited our sister schools in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for 2 days. Principal Williams pointed out that all of the schools have retention issues even the oldest, more established school – Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. The Rangel School uses the FTE model (budgeting). It was noted that their loss of students are a lot less than YWCPA. The other sister schools in the network; those school districts have an intake model that is supportive of the network. YWCPA currently does not have that support.

What should we be asking at YWCPA?

What is our brand? What are we marketing? How are we building our enrollment? What are we going to do to keep our students?

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## Staff Development

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Money is tight, budget cuts, etc. Everyone was encouraged to please continue seeking out professional development that is beneficial to our student body. The staff is always welcome to discuss professional development needs with Dr. Williams.

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## Academic Assessment Update

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Universal Screening – MOY - Math/Science should have been done as of January 31, 2018. Snapshot cannot/should not be used for grading purposes.

Spring Semester - Testing will start soon. Let's push through to make sure our students are well prepared. Continue to follow the calendar for testing dates. No additional information has been given if AP testing is pushed back. Principal Williams will follow up on AP Testing at the next Principal's Meeting.

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## Budget

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The group were give several handout relating to 2018-2019 HISD budget. (FAQ and FTE model)

- The HISD board was meeting today (February 1, 2018) review the FTE model vs PEA model.
- In 2018-19 will the district pay for AP Testing or will the students have to bare some of the cost.
- 60% of Central Office staff to be cut
- Campus will have cuts, but will be less than Central Office projected cuts
- YWCPA need to recruit for more girls as this will increase our budget

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## Attendance

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- YWCPA attendance is the highest in the Northwest area
- Currently at 98.4% attendance rate
- Students need to be here every day
- We need to know what incentives the girls want (Attendance recognition program – each grading cycle)

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## Master Schedule

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- Possible 8 classes on block schedule
- Advisory period to be added
- Form a committee to determine what the Advisory period will look like

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## Uniforms

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- What we expect the uniform to look like?
- Form a group (students and faculty) to determine what the girls want to wear to make it more user friendly. There will be uniforms. Due to contractual agreement - For at least one more year, YWCPA will be using Academic Outfitters.
- Want the girls to be able to express themselves (sock, shoes, tie, hair band, etc.)

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## Upcoming Events

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PTO meeting –February 1, 2018

Google Presentation – February 5, 2018

Faculty/Student Homecoming Game – February 5, 2018

Blood Drive – February 6, 2018

History Fair – February 8, 2018

Science Fair – February 9, 2018

Father/Daughter Dance – February 9, 2018 Please purchase ticket for the Raffle Basket

SDMC – February 28, 2018

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## Announcements

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The Network has given the school 12 tickets (10 tickets for the girls, 1 ticket for the Principal and 1 ticket for another adult on campus) to attend “ A Conversation with Former Lady Michelle Obama” on Thursday, March 8 at the Winspear Opera House in Dallas Arts District.

Selection process was discussed:

The students will be asked to write an essay and the top essay from each grade level will be selected.

The top 3 students in the graduating class will be invited to attend.

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## Next Meeting

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February 28, 2018 at 3:50pm in YWCPA Cafeteria

Dean Tiffany Bob moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 pm. Mr. Caggiano seconded. Meeting adjourned!