

NORTH HOUSTON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Shared Decision-Making Committee
Agenda & Minutes
December 10, 2019

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Deans Update
 - a. Dean of Students
 - b. Dean of Instruction
3. Finals
4. One Goal Course
5. Recruitment/Magnet Update
6. Questions
7. Next steps and closure

Minutes

Members Present

Brian Gaston, Kathryn Greene, Manika Arora, Zuzu Feder, Jamie Lopez, Lucille Dew, Mathew Weaver, Mayra Ramirez, Richard Flores, Molly Tavira, Fabiola Stroud.

Absentees:

James Stancil, Gabriel Slack.

Meeting began at 3: 35 pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Principal, Mr. Brian Gaston, welcomed the members of the SDMC to the second meeting, and remind them about the total number of meetings. We meet four times in a year.

2. Deans Update

- a. Dean of Students

Ms. Garcia has been working on scheduling and rosters. They will be finalized once HISD and HCC classes end the semester.

She has been meeting with the safety committee, and so far, there are no big concerns, except for the fact that a good number of students stay late after school. On this respect, we need to identify the ones who don't belong to any of the groups that meet or train after school, and we need to contact their parents.

b. Dean of Instruction

During the PLC meetings, teachers have been analyzing data and identifying the needs for intervention. This work will continue next semester since "working on data" is one of our major goals for this school year.

Teachers have also done walkthroughs, discussing the relevant points during the class observations, and reflecting on the teaching practices that show good results.

Teachers will include language learning support in their practices due to the importance of effective instruction for ELL learners.

3. Final Exams

HCC finals are this week, and next week will be HISD finals. Students will have early dismissal next week. The Advocacy Finals are this Friday December 13 from 12:30 to 3:30.

Friday December 18 is a Teacher preparation day.
Grades must be verified every day.

4. One Goal Course

Mr. Gaston explain the purpose of the OneGoal program in which HISD is participating and covering the cost. The OneGoal is an organization that focus its work on the students that need support to go to college. OneGoal seeks to close the degree divide by supporting academically underperforming, low-income students to enroll in and persist through college. OneGoal has developed a unique, teacher-led model that is effective, affordable and scalable. The program takes three years.

We need a certified dedicated teacher on Campus who teach the class. The program will bring all the support. So far, there are three teachers interested on participating: Mrs. Arora, Dr. Lopez and Coach Dorsey.

5. Recruitment/Magnet Update

Mr. Weaver presented the statistics that the recruitment process has at this point. At the same time last year, we had 643 total applications. This year we have 841 applications. We increased the number of applications by 198.

Out of the 841 applications 684 have qualified and 76 are in the process. There are 499 female and 342 males. By ethnicity, there are 656 Hispanic, 12 Asian, 158 African American, and 15 White.

The lottery will take place on January 30th.

6. Questions

The Principal mentioned the awards that NHECHS has won this year:

NHECHS is one of the Top Ten Schools in the region based on the work with Children at Risk, and one of the Eight Best High School in the region.

NHECHS has been honored to receive the “Distinguish Progress National Distinguish Award”, being selected one of the two schools and the only Title one Campus in the state of Texas.

The principal remind that grades are due the last day of school, Friday December 20.

The meeting ended at 4:25 pm.