

SDMC | MINUTES

February 11, 2020 | 4:15 – 5:15 PM

| Wheatley High School – Conference Room

Meeting called by	Joseph Williams	Michael Brown
Type of meeting	SDMC	Winfred Barnes
Note taker	Carmen Jimenez	Ted Kemp
Parliamentarian	Eddie Orem	Falasha Spruiell
		Carla Brown
		Donnie Walker
		Pauline Johnson

AGENDA TOPICS

Introduction by Joseph Williams, Principal

- Mr. Williams read minutes from last meeting and they were approved.
- New Employee Mr. Jesus Soria, At Risk Administrator.
- Mr. Soria talked about home visits, bad addresses and phone calls to all students who have truancy issues. If a scholar has moved to another residency, these scholars would bring proof of residence.
- Mr. Williams mentioned what we have in place referring to keeping up with our truancy scholars by matching ADA attendance with scholars who are constantly tardy and doing a cross reference. Also keeping our Google document up to date daily so that everyone is aware who is who.

Discussion Conversation: Wraparound Services

- Mr. Ted Kemp mentioned about donations needed and if there is a budget for Wraparound Services to be able to purchase snacks. The alumni received lots of donations and issues them out to the Wheatley's feeder pattern which causes to run out. He asked the question, if we have a budget that can support these efforts. Will get with the alumni also to get clearance of what type of donations they can provide such as a coat drive or a bike drive.
- Mr. Joseph Williams responded that it was not communicated clearly of what was needed but that Wheatley does have a school budget. Snacks can be provided and depending of other items as well. A wish list will be helpful so that donations can be met. One of the school's partnerships is with Food Bank. He shared he will sit with Ms. Spruiell to ask of what is needed and share how the school can help. He did share however that unfortunately he is unable to help with certain items as district policy prohibits us from purchasing with the budget.
- Ms. Falasha Spruiell explained that those types of donations were available. Soliciting these items are also getting difficult or slower with different avenues to donate for example like the churches.
- Mr. Eddie Orem suggested to provide a wish list to Principal Williams, and he will find out how he can help with donating and the rest alumni can help.

Motion and Approved**Second****In Favor**

Ted Kemp

Carla Brown

Falasha Spruiell

Pauline Johnson

Discussion Conversation: ACT TESTS

- Mr. Michael Brown's concern was the notification of the ACT Testing was not communicated. He realized it was taken in December and he was unaware.
- Mr. Winfred Barnes responded that he had talked to Mr. Brown's son about taking the test in April. He needs to sign up and to register for Khan Academy to receive free help and take the ACT practice exam. There is a location called Café College across from Northside High School who offer free ACT/SAT preparation for the tests. He also suggested in getting a bus to transport our scholars to Café College.
- Mr. Joseph Williams pointed out the issue in communication and will resolve. He will look into soliciting vendors for free tutorials to our scholars and if possible, purchase materials. In speaking with Principal Stephanie Square, scholars who have already passed the ACT can tutor their peers and hire them as hourly employees.
- Mr. Eddie Orem mentioned that the prep test courses are being offered thru Community Colleges or on the Internet. Will help gather resources to use for our scholars. He will also look in the current businesses who will give us in return money in purchasing materials for our scholars.
- Mr. Ted Kemp would like to see scholars signed up and send reminders to them and their parents.
- Ms Pauline Johnson recommended to posts signs around the school with detailed information.

Motion and Approved**Second****In Favor**

Michael Brown

Carla Brown

Falasha Spruiell

Winfred Barnes

Discussion Conversation: Metal Detectors

- Mr. Joseph Williams shared that the metal detectors will be installed in three locations: the front of the building, on the side by the bus ramp and on the back by the auditorium. There are 3 phases and Wheatley is in the first phase. A security guard will mandate the metal detectors.
- Ms. Pauline Johnson suggested to send a letter home to the parents notifying the intentions to our scholars' safety.
- Motion was made that we approve the installation of metal detectors.

Motion and Approved**Second****In Favor**

Ted Kemp

Pauline Johnson

Carla Brown

Falasha Spruiell

Donnie Walker

Discussion Conversation: What else would you like to see at Wheatley?

- Mr. Joseph Williams mentioned about other efforts to improve safety. He shared that the district is looking to seek another bond from city taxpayers to improve safety measures. One example for us

would be in building a wall to direct visitors to the main office. Main office has done a great job of making sure visitors come straight to the main office. He also shared about his ideas for encouraging scholars to eat cafeteria food and any other options. He is trying to meet scholars half-way by providing the food they like and avoid from leaving campus. He shared he will ask Mr. Busby to select scholars to go to Bennington to taste food. To prevent scholars from leaving campus, he will follow-up on staff who are monitoring front doors.

- Mr. Michael Brown says his son does not like the cafeteria food that is horrible.
- Mr. Donnie Walker says we need to prevent our scholars from leaving campus to go to local stores.
- Ms. Pauline Johnson said to stay alert of anyone coming in the building. Stop anybody from wondering the halls and talking to our scholars.
- Motion was made to adjourn meeting.

Motion and Approved

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In Favor

Winfred Barnes

Falasha Spruiell

Donnie Walker

Ted Kemp

Michael Brown