

# Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan

*Tanya Edwards, Principal*

## Meeting Minutes

**September 24, 2020**

**6:00 p.m. – Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

Tanya Edwards

Gnelida De Dios

Keisha Berry

John Santos

Dr. Sweeney

Tabatha Tate

Patricia Scott

Reuben Nicholas

Elizabeth Espino

Chardenay Davis

Asna Masood

Timothy Steele

Jose Figueroa

Johanna Rivas

Adam Johnson

Tamma Mitchell

**Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The sign in sheet reflects those present. SDMC serves as an advisory committee. Principal T. Edwards welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation.

**Announcements:** Everyone was welcomed to the public meeting.

**New Business:**

- School Information - Edwards
- Performance and Accountability - Edwards
- Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) - Edwards
- Renaissance 360 (BOY) - Santos
- Enrollment Packets, VIPS, & Socioeconomic Forms - Martinez
- Title I & LEP - Brown
- Science Fair - Sweeney
- Year in Review (2019-2020) – Sweeney
- Meet the Teachers

**Discussion:**

**New Business:**

**School Information:** Mrs. Edwards informed the committee and parents that our school hours for students are 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. She went over the in-person and closure protocols. Our instructional agendas with important information are uploaded onto our school website. Student planners were distributed during scheduled pick up and are still available for students who need one. Currently transportation is only being provided to special education and homeless students. It is extremely important to keep up to date contact information in the parent portal.

**Performance and Accountability:** Mrs. Edwards informed the committee and parents about BCMAR's Rating and TEA Distinctions. We did not have STAAR results for last school year. She informed the parents that BCMAR is a "B" rated school and that we are working on the student growth component. She went over our school improvement goals and asked parents to support our students to ensure we are anchored in excellence.

**Function of the Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC):** Mrs. Edwards discussed the function of the SDMC Committee and introduced the committee members. She

informed parents that we will meet four times this year, or as needed, to make decisions for the campus. Everyone in attendance was also made aware that there is a suggestion box located in the main office if staff, parents, or students would like to submit inquiries/ideas to the SDMC.

**Renaissance 360 (BOY):** – Mr. Santos informed those in attendance that students are currently taking BOY assessments through Renaissance 360. This week they are taking math and next week they will start taking the reading assessment. He asked parents to ensure students stay focused and try their best because the results will impact interventions and electives. He informed those present that mics and cameras must be on during testing.

**Enrollment Packets, VIPS, & Socioeconomic Forms:** – Ms. Martinez informed the parents that the enrollment packet, socioeconomic form, and student commitment form is available online in the parent portal and needs to be completed. She introduced herself as the VIPS coordinator and posted the application link for parent volunteers.

**Title 1 & LEP:** Ms. Brown spoke on school participation and the components of the Title I Program. She explained that the school's participation in the Title 1 program is schoolwide. She went over program design and explained the school curriculum. She informed parents that we use supplemental funds for additional resources and technology. The Parent contact and family engagement policy is on our website. Parents were informed about their rights to become involved in the school's programs. Ms. Brown informed everyone that she was the Title I & LEP Coordinators and available to answer any questions that those present may have. She explained her role as the LEP Coordinator and gave her contact information for parents who had questions or concerns.

**Science Fair Project:** Dr. Sweeney advised parents that the science fair project is very important. Parents were asked to talk to their students about project ideas. There are multiple grades attached to this project. Students can get information under activities/science fair tab on our school's website.

**Year in Review:** Dr. Sweeney presented a video of the 2019-2020 events and accomplishments. As a campus we accomplished great things in a tough year.

**Meet the Teachers:** Mrs. Edwards thanked everyone for taking time out of their schedules to join us. Parents were advised to join their students' grade level Teams Meeting to meet the teachers. The general session and breakout sessions ended at 8:30 p.m.