

Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

5:30 p.m. – Auditorium

Tanya Edwards

Gnelida De Dios

Keisha Berry

John Santos

Dr. Sweeney

Sheryl Cummings

Marjorie Yap

Reuben Nicholas

Elizabeth Espino

Jonathan Rasti

Terrell Simien

Jose Figueroa

Aimee Jimenez

Johanna Rivas

Nazim Ansari

Tamma Mitchell

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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.

Distribution and reading of the Minutes.

Announcements:

- School Uniforms
- Campus Expectations
- Rotation Schedule

New Business:

- Welcome - Edwards
- School Information – Edwards
- Performance and Accountability - Edwards
- Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) – Edwards
- School Action Plan – De Dios and Santos
- School Uniforms – Santos
- Independent Investigations - Sweeney
- Title I – Berry
- Parent Portal, Enrollment Packets, VIPs, Socioeconomic Forms, & Attendance - Jimenez
- Digital Citizenship – Harris
- Science Fair – 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. Our instructional agendas with important information are uploaded onto our school website. Student planners were distributed during the first week of school and are still available for students who need one. Attendance is important! Grades will count, no grade exceptions. 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 that ratings have not been released. She informed the parents that BCMAR received an “A” rating last school year with all 7 distinctions. This year’s ratings have not been posted.

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 a minimum of four times this year.

School Action Plan: The School Action plan was discussed. Parents were informed about campus goals and metrics. Dean Dedios and Dean Santos went over subject-area goals & plans for growth for the 2023-2024 school year.

School Uniforms: Mr. Santos went over the school uniforms for all grade levels and informed parents that this year hoodies are not allowed.

Independent Investigations: Dr. Sweeney held a pre-open house Independent Investigations meeting. She went over the requirements of investigations. She informed the parents that as a health science magnet school we teach students how to think scientifically. She let parents know that all students are working on Independent Investigations and how they can help their student.

Title 1: Mrs. Berry 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. We will hold four meetings this year. Parents were informed about their rights to become involved in the school's programs. Mrs. Berry informed everyone that she was the Title I Coordinator and available to answer any questions that those present may have.

Parent Portal, Enrollment Packets, VIPs, Socioeconomic Forms, & Attendance: – Mrs. Jimenez informed the parents that the enrollment packet, socioeconomic form, and student commitment form is available online in the parent portal and need to be completed. Forms are also available in the front office and enrollment packets will be sent home with the students. She discussed the attendance guidelines and the importance of

Digital Citizenship: Ms. Harris introduced herself as the VILS Coach. Chromebook care and usage expectations were shared with parents. In addition, tips were shared with parents and students concerning online safety and protecting online privacy.

Meet the Teachers: Mrs. Edwards thanked everyone and dismissed parents. Parents were advised to join their students and follow the schedule to the different sessions.