

# Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan

## Meeting Minutes

**September 14, 2022**

**5:30 p.m. – Auditorium**

Tanya Edwards

Gnelida De Dios

Keisha Berry

John Santos

Dr. Sweeney

Kimberly Moore

Marjorie Yap

Reuben Nicholas

Elizabeth Espino

Jonathan Rasti

Terrell Simien

Jose Figueroa

Nurse Oliver-Block

Aimee Jimenez

Johanna Rivas

Nazim Ansari

Tamma Mitchell

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### **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:**

### **New Business:**

- Welcome - Edwards
- School Information – Edwards
- Performance and Accountability - Edwards
- Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) – Edwards
- School Improvement Plan
- Medical Exposure During School (M.E.D.S) After School Experience - Massie
- Title I – Berry
- 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 about BCMAR’s Rating and TEA Distinctions. She informed the parents that BCMAR is a “A” rated school recognized with all 7 distinctions. 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.

**School Improvement Plan:** The school improvement plan was discussed. Parents were informed about the campus performance and accountability. Mrs. Edwards went over subject-area scores & plans for growth for the 2022-2023 school year. She informed parents that we are an “A” school that earned all 7 distinctions.

**Medical Exposure During School (M.E.D.S) After School Experience:** Mrs. Massie introduced herself and informed the parents about her M.E.D.S after school program. She went over the courses and sessions that are offered as well as the weekly medical exposure.

**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.

**Enrollment Packets, VIPS, & Socioeconomic Forms:** – 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.

**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

**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 website.

**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.