Baylor College of Medicine Academy at James D. Ryan

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023  
4:30 p.m. – Conference Room

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John Santos
Dr. Sweeney
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Reuben Nicholas
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Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The sign in sheet reflects those present. SDMC serves as an advisory committee. Principal, Dr. Tanya Edwards welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. After members reviewed old business, new business was discussed.

Old Business:

- Meds After School Program  Edwards
- Chromebooks  Edwards
- Oratory Competition/National SEL Day  Edwards
- TEA Interim Assessments  De Dios
New Business:

- 8th Grade Inside
- B10 – STAAR Review
- Clear and Mesh Backpacks
- Student Dress Code
- SDMC Survey

Discussion:

New Business:

8th Grade Inside: Dr. Edwards informed the committee that due to our student count we have the capacity to move 8th grade students into the main building. Sixth and seventh grade would be assigned to the first floor and 8th grade to the second floor. Mr. Figueroa and some elective classes would remain outdoors. The committee took a vote and eight/nine members were in favor of 8th grade moving indoors.

B10 – STAAR Review: Dr. Edwards discussed the B10 STAAR review period with the committee. The Administrators will meet with STAAR teachers to discuss whether this period is needed or if it should be removed. Some teachers are using it as a time to have students work on online on Imagine Learning and Mathia.

Clear and Mesh Backpacks The committee voted on clear and mesh backpacks for the 2023-2024 school year. This change will be added to the student dress code to aid with student safety. A concern was brought up regarding limited supply of mesh and clear backpacks in stores and online. The committee agreed to alter the decision if backpacks meeting this criterion were too hard to find.

Student Dress Code: Sweatshirts will be added to the student dress code. No hoodies will be allowed, and we will no longer sale the hoodies as part of our uniform. Students must wear jackets to match their grade level shirts: 6th Grade (Navy Blue), 7th Grade (Burgundy), and 8th Grade (Gray).

SDMC Survey: Committee members completed the 2022-2023 SDMC Online Survey. Some members had already completed the survey based on the email that was previously sent to all members of the SDMC committee.