

DeBakey High School

SDMC Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021

Attendees

Dina Adam, Teacher Nichole Ake, PTO Garth Boldman, Teacher David Dzul, Student Analisa Goudeau, Assistant Principal Anita Jafferli, Teacher Neda Khan, Teacher Hongyan Li, Teacher Tabitha Macharia, Student Derdlim Magana, Teacher	Nancy Moreno, Baylor College of Medicine Shannon Niaves, Registrar Patricia Perez, SIR Clerk Agnes Perry, Principal Sandra Rodriguez, CIT/Teacher Specialist Bernice Shargey, Dean Rohini Varghese
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Agenda

- Projected Enrollment for 2021-2022
- HISD District Plans for 2021-2022
- DeBakey's 2021-2022 Budget
- DeBakey's 1-5 year Planning Committee Update
- Commenced 4:32

1. HISD District Plans for 2021 -2022

AP: Didn't have a meeting in February because of the freeze; will be a meeting in May- will have to elect new members - two year term, some members are phasing out; guidelines - agenda items due by 3PM day before meeting; HISD District Plans - have been told verbally that the plans for next year is that all students will be face-to-face. Any student who chooses to be virtual will have to apply to HISD virtual program. Otherwise, they would report to their zoned schools. Rationale: Teachers will not be required to teach face-to-face and virtual at the same time. In order to get away from that, all student will be face-to-face. Means that students in specialized programs will go back to home school or go virtual. We are a CTE program. Hands-on activities are required. Can't do that virtually. Have made adjustments because of pandemic. There is a new superintendent coming in. No impression that any of that will change right away. Questions?

David: How are we going to prioritize student safety as we transition back?

AP: Masks will be required. All staff have had opportunity to take the vaccine. If they didn't take it, that was their choice. Students 16 and over can take vaccine. Vaccine is not available to younger students. If we have 900 students coming back, is no way that I can keep students apart. Will require self-discipline. Teachers will be given supplies they've been given all year. That's all we can do at this point.

NA: Other districts relaxing mask mandates. HISD?

AP: Don't know; not yet. HISD has not indicated that they are going to relax the rules.

David: What specific resources can I advocate?

AP: What do you mean?

David: Tutoring, what's going to be available?

AP: What do you mean by aid?

David: Concerned that students are not being taught properly virtually. What's going to be there to help them?

AP: We are going to talk about the planning we have been doing to address those concerns.

Tabitha: Missed the first part of the meeting. Was the return a district decision?

AP: It was a district decision. Students are more successful in-person...9th and 10th graders don't understand what it takes to be a DeBakey student. 11th and 12th fared better. My understanding is there was a committee but was also a TEA requirement. The governor and some of the legislature wanted students back in school.

Tabitha: Will the grading curve be maintained?

AP: David and Tabitha, we need to get back to the agenda. I can have a private session with you to answer questions; want to keep the meeting to 1 hour

2. Enrollment Projections and Budget

AP: May have 930 in August; projected enrollment is 915. HISD determines the enrollment the last day of October to decide budget. Could gain more money or lose money based on enrollment. Initially we were told all HISD schools would have budgets reduced by \$ 123/student. Would have caused us to lose \$100,000 - 2 teachers. Today, found out they are not going to take that money from us. Is a positive. I think we are okay as long as we meet our enrollment.

GB: How many students by grade?

AP: 260 9th graders; 10th, 11th, 12th depend on how many students are exited out. In a normal year, could expect to lose 10-11th graders, 30 to 40- 9th graders in a typical year.

3. 1-to 5-Year Planning Committee

DA: One of the major things we are looking at is lacking skills. HISD has taken away our entrance exam; curriculum - 4 or 5 year math requirement, honor code - how to build integrity/academic honesty, cheating - virtual vs. face-to-face, grading policy for in-coming 9th graders - maybe having specific policies for 9th graders; advocacy subcommittees; all ideas are being discussed.

AP: Ideas will be presented to staff and SDMC and students within the next month.

AP and DA: Discuss order to advancement of ideas from the committee.

AP: Should always have a plan. The students are changing. We feel adjustments are necessary. Criteria is getting skimpy. The criteria are changing because of the nature for the environment we are in now. If kids don't have skills, what can we do to help them along? Ninth grade is very critical.

AP: Thank you, Mrs. Adam

AP: I call August a reset button. Teachers had to pivot very quickly. I don't think we will ever go back to the way things were. Virtual meetings - I like that. Teachers can go home--PTO meetings - are some positives. Maybe some of the tools teachers are using will come back with them to the classroom. Will be looking at dress and other guidelines

4. Last Item - Elections

5. Other Item - Waivers

AP: Have not heard anything about waivers; want the SDMC to think about waivers we want to implement, be ready for that. I'm sure they will ask in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting

May 18th; if there is a need for a call meeting, I will let you know. Questions?

6. Other Items

NA: Who is on the Fish Camp committee?

AP: Not formally formed; Mr. Saldivar and Ms. Goudeau will facilitate.

AP: Student Council elections in the fall.

GB: Mentioned it a while back (Student Council elections) - pushing it to the fall.

AP: Dean Shargey, NHS?

BS: NHS applications will be out shortly. Requires letters of recommendation and GPAs; students will be notified in the fall who has been accepted

NA: What is requirement?

BS: 3.7 GPA, community service

AP: Applications will be out this spring?

BS: Yes; additionally, no attendance issues and no conduct issues.

AP: Last announcement, graduation June 12th at 8AM at Barnett Stadium. Mrs. Niaves will share more information.

NA: David, did you get your question answered?

David: Decided we should survey students to find out what students want to do. Not sure how Mrs. Forswall/administration are proceeding.

AP: Can check with her.

BS: Will be working the entire month of May on AP exams and right afterwards, final exams

NA: Freshman social studies

BS: True, but digital exams are given at home

AP: Giving any digital on campus?

BS: No, let me clarify; component of AP Spanish that requires recording; AP Chinese all digital - only involves two students

(Lots of important miscellaneous items discussed: hospital practicum, certifications for students, Pharm Tech program, working out dual credit needs with HCC.)

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.