



Welch Middle School

SDMC Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2020
(TEAMS On-Line at 4:05 p.m.)



- Welcome and Sharing
 - Students are quiet and interventions are running smoothly. They are using their own sanitizer and keeping up with the rotations.
 - One student shared his excitement about his teachers after the 1st day of school. He was excited to be at Welch and had never seen teachers so excited and happy to be at work.
 - The stove and refrigerator are now in the parent center and connections are up and running
- Community Relationships/Partnerships
 - Parent Feedback
 - None
 - Business Partner Report
 - Dana Enriquez-Vontoure (Vontoure Learning)
 - Mrs. Enriquez- Vontoure is willing to donate dishes, pots, and pans for the Parent Center. Mr. Barreda will connect with Chef D and provide her with a list of essentials.
 - Community Partner Report
 - Walter Barreda (The Re-Up and the Blue Panther Partnership)
 - Mr. Barreda shared the November Turkey Drive. During this event the Re-Up will be handing out free turkeys and meals to attendees. Also, the Re-Up will continue to sponsor their annual Feed the Homeless event that feeds between 500-600 people in the Downtown Houston area.
 - Mr. Charles Gentry is anxious to partner with Welch. His organization, Blue Panther media will run their Leadership Pathway program by offering STEAM, Entrepreneurship, and Life Skills classes to Welch students.
 - Ms. Marlin
 - None
- Student Feedback
 - **Student #1**
 - The 8th grade student shared that he is looking forward to an awesome year because it is his final year. He believes that both virtual and face to face are effective because it's comfortable at home and face to face gives students opportunities to connect with their friends. He shared that seeing his family every day and all day can be annoying and how Covid-19 has caused separation between him and his friends and teachers. The student guaranteed that he has a strong support from teachers, friends, and administrators. The student is virtual and feels like he is getting quality instruction, but he prefers to be face to face.
 - **Student #2**
 - The 8th grade student prefers face to face because virtual requires more work. He shared that Covid-19 has affected him and his family. Most of his friends are virtual, but still come to school. The student believes that the teachers are doing a great job of providing support for students. He felt safe on the 1st day of school because he is very cautious around people.
- Principal's Report
 - Parent Center
 - The space will be shared with Re-Up. We are looking at virtual until we can have more visitors. In the future, the parent center will be outside (side t-building) and will be up and running for next year.
 - Schedule/ Interventions
 - We are using the same schedule that we submitted to TEA. We have PLC and Office hour time built in for all teachers. Everything has been running smoothly.
 - IB Journey (Possible Lock-In)

- Students will choose a global issue by grade level and work on projects that are cross-curricular. They will research authentic ways to be problem solvers in the world. Virtual Field Trips and/or real field trips may occur. We are looking at ways that student can connect with community and will need partners to assist with the projects.
 - Tutorials
 - Tutorials were pushed back till November.
 - Academic Bootcamp
 - The dates are Monday, November 23, 2020 to Tuesday, November 24, 2020. We will also have days around Christmas and Spring Break.
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
 - There will be a can drive in the newsletter for November. We will make baskets for 10-15 kids per grade level.
 - December Toy Drive
 - We will create an area/box for people to drop off toys. We will choose students to receive gifts (possibly MI and SEL students). They have the greatest need. teacher.
 - New Hire- Carmen Gamez
 - We will be hiring the clerk Selena Gamez.
 - At this time, 100% of our teachers are certified. Returning teachers are holding us together well. We also have new leaders who are seasoned teachers. Overall, we have a good mix of teachers who know what needs to be done and are excited to serve students.
 - Budget
 - Budget is tight. We are 17 students above the projected 199 students in 6th grade last year. We are at 229 kids in 6th grade. Our goal is to get students back on Welch's campus. 7th grade went from 198 last year to 199 this year. 8th grade went from 207 last year to 239 this year. We are at 667 students and we projected 660 students. We used about 80% of 50% of the budget that we received. The other 50% will come after projections. We are supposed to spend the money.
- School Organization
 - Grade Level Admin Report
 - Mr. Upshaw over 8th grade
 - 8th grade is downstairs. Teachers say the classes are great and the building is in the best shape it has ever been. There is storage space in the t-building too.
 - Ms. Carr over 7th grade
 - 7th graders are doing fantastic and social distancing as they change classes. Reach out if you have questions.
 - Mr. Goldman over 6th grade
 - Students are being successful, and learning is taking place. 100% is obtainable when you remember who you are doing it for. SPED is 100% in compliance.
 - Instructional Support Report
 - Ms. Mack, Dean of Instruction
 - Student data profile was shared with teachers to assist them with creating tutorial lists and bootcamp lists.
 - Data Profile and Interventions
 - The WCA#1 will take place next week. Interventions are going smoothly.
 - Mr. Plancarte, Math Specialist
 - He will be assisting teachers with IXL.
 - Magnet/IB/Title I Report
 - Ms. Lange, Magnet/IB/Title I Coordinator
 - She took the staff through the IB journey and has a goal of increasing our IB numbers.
 - Counselor Report
 - Ms. Forte & Ms. Avila
 - Ms. Forte is working on making sure we have a date for the PSAT and GT assessments. The Sandy Hook training was shared with students during the Grade Level meetings. The training is for an anonymous tip line.
 - Wraparound & Special Service Programs

- Ms. Mejia- None
 - Department Chair Reports
 - Ms. Noel- Math Dept. Chair
 - Mr. Plancarte is amazing and right beside us in the work. He took Ms. Noel into the closet to get resources. The department is meeting deadlines and has started the student progress worksheets. The team is doing amazing.
 - Ms. Jaso- Reading Dept. Chair
 - Ms. Carr keeps us all on track and reminds us of the things we need to turn in.
 - Mr. Martisek- Science Dept. Chair
 - The team is working well together. All new with a few seasoned teachers.
 - Ms. Parliament- Social Studies Dept. Chair
 - The team is working well together.
 - Ms. Provo- SPED Dept. Chair
 - The department is in 100% compliance.
 - Ms. Hoover- Electives/PE Dept. Chair
 - Students can purchase P.E. uniforms for 10 dollars. Elective teachers will be implementing writing across the curriculum and supporting ELAR.
 - Grade Level/Cluster Leader Report
 - Ms. Muller- 6th grade cluster leader
 - The teachers are loving the T-building community.
 - Mr. Jones- 7th grade cluster leader
 - 7th grade is the best team.
 - Ms. T. Jackson- 8th grade cluster leader
 - Jackson is a great leader and Upshaw is great. It's been a really great week.
- Questions and Concerns
 - Based on the climate survey 92% of the staff felt it was a great 1st day of school. November 19 is the next meeting date. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

SDMC VOTING MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Hernandez, Principal
- Ms. Ivanova, Parent
- Ms. Lara, Parent
- Ms. Mack, School-Based Staff
- Ms. Provo, Classroom Teacher

- Ms. Enriquez-Vontoure, Business Member
- Mr. Barrera, Community Member
- Ms. Marlin, Community Member
- Mr. Goldman, School-Based Staff
- Ms. Whigham, Classroom Teacher

- Ms. Andrus, Classroom Teacher
- Ms. Jaso, Classroom Teacher
- Ms. Lake, Classroom Teacher
- Ms. Noel, Classroom Teacher
- Mr. Johnson, Non-Instructional Staff