

SDMC Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Recorder: Jamie Lopez

Present Participants

Name	Title
Dr. Samantha Brooks	Principal
Ms. Adriana Murillo	Community Member, consultant at Halliburton
Mr. Geoffrey Ohl	Dean of Instruction
Ms. Carmen Garcia	Dean of Students
Nurse Jones	Nurse
Mr. Jaamal Jones	Wraparound Specialist
Dr. Jamie Lopez	Teacher Specialist
Ms. French-Lott	Teacher
Ms. Molly Reyes	Student Engagement Representative

Agenda Items and Meeting Minutes

- Welcome new members
- National Blue Ribbon

-We are honored to receive the National Blue Ribbon award. We are the only school in Houston ISD to be awarded this honor this year. This is the 2nd time that NHECHS has won the National Blue Ribbon award, once in 2015 and again this year.

-Dr. Brooks thanked every person who is part of the school community.

- Budget: ESSER II (instructional support) and ESSER III (wraparound) funding updates

-TEA has provided some extra funds to mitigate some impacts of learning loss due to Covid-19. We are glad to utilize some of this funding to enhance our program. ESSER Funding will be used for (1) Wraparound Services: Sports Programming Mentoring programming for Tier II/III students (THRIVE), clubs, sports programming, clothing closet, extra duty pay for SEL, extracurriculars; (2) Tutorials; (3) To mitigate Covid learning loss, planning time after school for teachers, testing materials, and subs for teachers. (4) HB 4545: These funds will be used for interventions and extra duty pay; (5) COVID-Safety: Nurse extra duty pay, stipend, thermometers, etc.; (6) ESSER IIII - INNOVATION; (7)ESSER IIII-CCMR-TSI: TSI, SAT testing materials, TSI test units, workbooks, extra duty pay, Cambridge TSIA

-Although some schools may not place as much emphasis on the SAT, the SAT is still important for funding and scholarship support.

- Staffing updates

-Front office staff: Jasmine Harris

-University of Houston mentee doing a Practicum.

- Attendance: How may we increase attendance? Do any SDMC members have ideas?

-Ms. Murillo said to make a questionnaire about what is triggering students to be absent. Mr. Jones said that a survey that addresses family issues is coming. Mr. Jones said that it will give us a better understanding about what help for families is needed.

-Recommendation: Have a list of students who are frequently absent. Cross check if the students who are absent are vaccinated. We can't force families to provide vaccination information, but we could ask. They may disclose the information if they choose.

- Community partnerships- Halliburton, THRIVE, 5 Strong

-Ms. Murillo discussed virtual STEM conferencing. She said that there's a group at Halliburton that is interested in reaching out to the high schools and volunteering. Halliburton isn't providing monetary funding yet for the high school level, but Ms. Murillo is pushing for that. Ideas from Ms. Murillo: If you have a business class, a guest speaker from Halliburton's business side could present. If there's a career day, Halliburton could participate. She stated that they could serve as judges. If there are specific STEM days, they may participate as well. Ms. Murillo would like for students to learn more about careers in STEM. We will let Ms. Murillo about what we want or need.

She stated that we could have a resume day and have someone from HR help students with those.

-Dr. Brooks explained that we do have Expo's and a variety of projects. Dr. Brooks knows that there are many opportunities, and she will check with the teachers who have projects coming up. Seniors have special days allotted throughout the year to help them with resumes; we have different support systems there. We would like to have some workshops to help students with soft skills: to navigate systems, work with teams, operate as a professional, and bring out their best and most effective work.

-5 Strong is a nonprofit organization that has worked with Ms. Caulfield to target students who want college and are first generation college goers and don't have a lot of support at home.

- HB4545 update (French Lott)

-Students who did not pass the STAAR last school year are required to receive 30 additional hours of instruction. That has been worked out with the 9th grade team, and the 30 hours will be added throughout the year. Ms. French-Lott will begin having parent conferences on Thursday, and they will go through Monday. The parent conferences could be virtual if needed. As far as math and reading, all students have 4 hours already.

- District Updates

- Temporary Online Learning (NHECHS plan to support students)

-This is a district mandated plan. The course work has not served our early college students well. We will be following up with parents of students who are on TOL. These are students who have been exposed and have to be quarantined. Teachers have put the assignments online for them to do the work. All of our teachers have tutorials as well. Moving forward, we want our students to stay abreast of the learning in their NHECHS classes. HCC classes, there are no substitutes for those anyway; we have communicated that from the beginning. Now, TOL students should complete the work for the NHECHS teachers for all courses. Parents have received a weekly notice, Ms. Reyes is communicating with parents, and teachers are communicating with students.

- other

- Social emotional needs/updates

-We are blessed to have a lot of teachers that focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in the academic classroom. Our new SEL liaison is Mr. Gates. Mr. Gates will work in coordination with Mr. Jones, Ms. Garcia, and others. Mr. Gates will take specific training and get back to us.

- Student Safety

-The safety meeting was on October 10th. The district has recently sent out some incentives to get vaccines. Anyone who has been vaccinated may send a copy of their vaccination card to HISD and earn a \$500 stipend.

-We adapted the Nurse's office to meet the needs of all of our students who are not feeling well. It's been a great community to work in because we're all on the same page with student safety. Officer Mireles is back full time, so it's great to have someone who knows our community and students.

- Instruction

-Mr. Ohl spoke about interventions for those who have to retake the EOC in December and those students who need extra support. We're doing a lot of planning and work to support those students. The teachers went into strategic mode in the summer, so several of the students were able to demonstrate mastery on summer retest EOC due to the diligent work last year and extra push in the summer. We have smaller numbers that need to re-test.

- SIP 2021-2022

- Ad Hoc committees Needed: Grade Level Parent, other

-Dr. Brooks would like a parent representative in each grade level. If the parent has a comment to share or items to consider, we could utilize that time in the Ad Hoc committee meeting.

-Dr. Brooks said that if we would like any action items to be considered, send her an email or text. The point of the SDMC is to work as a group and to continue to help our students to succeed.