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## SDMC Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2021

### Present Participants

1. Avis Horde, Serving as P-16 Interim at HCC
2. Adriana Murillo, Halliburton – community representative
3. Cinthia Gutierrez, parent
4. Geoffrey Ohl, Dean of Instruction
5. Carmen Garcia, Dean of Students
6. Jamie Lopez, Teacher Specialist
7. Ambarly French-Lott, Teacher
8. Cristina Jones, Nurse
9. Jamaal Jones, Wraparound Specialist

### Agenda items:

- Welcome & Introductions
  - Dr. Brooks read the NHECHS mission, vision, and SIP Goals.  
11<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the SAT; we are graded on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade scores. We don't just want students to pass. As an early college, we want them to be accelerated.  
Associate Degrees – we want to see 100% of our students earn an Associate Degree  
We would like 100% of students receiving LEP services to meet TELPAS exit standards by 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Staffing Updates
  - Our Dean of Instruction, Mr. Ohl, will be retiring at the end of the Fall semester. Our Administrative Assistance, Ms. Cindy Luera, will be retiring soon. We are making sure that there will be a smooth transition. Dr. Brooks has been reviewing AP applicants.  
We will be gaining a Counselor on campus. We will work to get the best people in to work to get that support.
- Deans' Update



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- Mr. Ohl has discussed the TEKS in the PLC's. Mr. Ohl and the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) also are continuing to look at the data for the assessments we've taken. We want to make sure that our students are prepared for finals. Some students had a difficult transition from at home to on campus instruction. HCC Finals are this week. HISD Finals are in January, and time will be spent reviewing to ensure student success.
- Finals
  - Mr. Ohl stated that finals for HCC are this week, and HISD finals will be in January.
- Testing
  - The English and math teachers have been working to provide interventions for STAAR re-testers. STAAR testing is this week: English I – December 7<sup>th</sup>, Bio and Algebra I STAAR EOC – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, English II – December 9<sup>th</sup>

## Question

Ms. Murillo discussed our SAT goals and wanted further elaboration about the SIP Goal number. We have purchased an SAT book for each student. We have great teachers and targeted focus. Having this resource will allow teachers to have more time for data diving.

- Recruitment/Magnet Update
  - We had over 530 or more students who applied to NHECHS for the next year. We will accept a few students for 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We typically don't accept students in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade unless there's an extreme circumstance. There are many more requirements for 11<sup>th</sup>, and we won't accept a senior because of the program requirements.
- Grade Level updates – CCMR, college ready for HCC
  - We already had a senior parent meeting. We are having an 11<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting tomorrow, 12/8. We will have a 10<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting next Wednesday. There are grade specific questions from parents.



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- We still have 8 seniors who have not met CCMR, college ready for HCC. We won't eliminate the opportunity for them. We would like to provide every opportunity to our students. TSI testing has occurred this week and will be on next Wednesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

AP Research: Ms. French-Lott discussed students getting back on track. Having to create more opportunities.

English 1301: Need to be able to write more quickly to meet the AP Lang demands.

- Community Partnership Updates
  - We would like for students to have some career professionals in our space, such as a career fair, opportunities to shadow and have co-curricular trips. We do have some of those opportunities for students.

Ms. Murillo would like to help students to complete hands on projects and even have guest speakers. We first had it open for girls, but we could open it up to the whole school. The term is STEAM now; the A was added. The Dean of Students has a list of students' majors so that we could have targeted groups.

Dr. Brooks said that when we start our process in January, we will find dates. It's easier for Halliburton to come to the school instead of students leaving campus. We'll talk about it more next month.

Another outreach – we are partnered with Victory Group and Thrive. Some of the programs, such as POSSE and EMERGE, target the top performing students. Thrive helps all students. The program works with students through college. THRIVE meets with students, parents, and NHECHS to ensure that partnership and other supports to students who aren't trying to go to an Ivy League or Tier 1 institution.

We also will have opportunities for students to learn more about Historically Black Colleges.

This will help them learn how to work with other people.

Ms. Murillo asked about a representative for each grade.

Prairie View just received a huge donation, so they may still be in the planning phase of what they want to do with those funds.

Dr. Brooks will work with Dr. Austin to get some other activities to work in partnership.

- Questions
  - Ms. Gutierrez said that she has learned a lot from this meeting.



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- Next Steps
  - Dr. Brooks asked if there's anything about safety to update us on, such as Covid protocols. Nurse Jones doesn't have updates. Dr. Brooks said that we don't have cases right now, and students are doing a good job wearing their masks. Our program is far too rigorous, so we don't participate in the Temporary Online Learning (ToL).

Ms. Horde said that the meeting has been very informative, and she would like to continue to be invited to the meetings. Ms. Horde hosts Career Fairs, helps students with interviews, and prepares students for their career. Dr. Brooks said that she will continue inviting Ms. Horde to the meetings.

Ms. Garcia said that we're in the process of registering students for HCC Spring semester. The HISD and HCC semesters don't fall at the same time. Dr. Brooks emphasized the importance of communicating expectations in each grade level parent meeting.

We will be posting the SDMC meeting minutes tomorrow, 12/8, on the campus website.

Dr. Brooks said that if there are opportunities or decisions that need to be made, then she will have a call meeting. For the most part, we will continue our quarterly meeting. She will reach out and encouraged us to reach out.