

## SDMC Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held virtual on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 4:15pm

### I. Call to order at 4:15 and introductions of new members

Present at Meeting:

Wendy Hampton, Principal, Chair

De La Rosa, Margaret, Staff

Jamey Schaaf, Admin

Emily Cole, Community Member

Elizabeth Payne, Professional Staff

Marianna Tonche, TE

Sara Hall, TE

Marissa Cantu-Harkless, TE

Amy Maddux, Parent, PTO President

Teresa Montgomery, PTO Parent

Lillian Pope, TE

Wilfredo Montanez, Admin

Wendy Tilford, Business Member

### II. Celebrations – Performance Hall repair has been completed!

Shout out to Teachers who stepped up to take a class when teachers were out and we had no subs. Heights had 20 teachers out and 10 had no subs, so Big Thanks to those teachers who stepped up!

### III. Campus Updates

Budget – Budget looks good, we have available funds for remainder of school year.

Departments, please send request for any classroom needs to help success of students.

All requests must be justified.

### IV. Staffing - Vacancies

Tchr, History

Tchr, Co-Special

Teaching Assistant, SPED

### V. Old Business

Graduation – In previous meetings it was asked that we no longer have top 5% sit on stage at graduation. Points were made by some that it was too much pressure on the students and they were putting too much stress on themselves over GPA. Additional feedback was given this meeting that the students poled would prefer to sit with their peers as opposed to onstage where everyone could see them. A motion was made by Mr. Schaaf to discontinue having the to 5% of graduates sit on the stage and have them remain with peers.

Ms. Ozuna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

10/10 Rule – Several staff members requested this be added to the SDMC agenda in response to a large number of students who are in the hall shortly after the bell rings. With a 10 minute passing period, it was stated that students have ample amount of time to take care of needs between classes. It was suggested and agreed in meeting to do 15/15 Rule. Students should not be released from class for any reason for the first 15 and the last 15 minutes of class.

Tardy Policy – New Tardy Policy Effective Monday, Jan. 24, 2022. Tardy passes issued for First and Second Period only. Tardies for other periods HISD connect will be used to mark tardies.

Bell Schedule for 2021 - 2022 – HHS moved to a block schedule due to Covid-19 and online learning. We've remained on a block schedule to minimize exposure during the day and during passing periods. As we begin to return to more normal school protocols, we need to determine if we should continue with Block schedule or move back to a traditional schedule.

Block Scheduling allows for more time for completing assignments and easier time management for students. Athletic coaches and coaches for performance based clubs do not like block schedule because they want to see their students every day. Ms. Hampton asked that everyone on the committee discuss this with their colleagues. She also said we would do a feedback survey of staff, students, and parents before we meet again in March.

Dress Code for School Year 22-23

Currently HHS does not have a uniform policy. However, due to the large number of students that cannot comply with the dress code rules, the request has been made to return to a uniform for the 22-23 school year. There is a large problem with shirts too short, students wearing pajama bottoms to school and pants not being worn appropriately. Parents expressed that the one of the issues was that some parents may not wish to fight the battle at home so they allow their students to dress as they wish, and let the school send them home. Parents feel that we may have just as big of an issue changing back to a uniform. It was expressed by teachers that students generally comply with uniform requirements more than free dress and it is easier to manage. Ms. Hampton indicated that once challenge had been the lack of an ISS teacher which limited consequences for students out of dress code. The addition might support more compliance either way. She asked for additional input from staff, students, and parents before proceeding with a decision at the next meeting. We will revisit and more discussion to be had in Feb/March.

Still searching for SRC Teacher – We will be able to manage to have SRC on B days starting on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, to assist with tardies and dress code.

Announcements PTO

Fundraiser March 5, 2022 New Magnolia Brewing Co 1616 Bevis St. Houston, TX 77008  
Silent Auction will be held. Tickets will be sold. Announcement/More info to come!

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm