

Pin Oak Middle School

SDMC Meeting Minutes

December 12th, 2022

Attendees: Ms. Vela, Ms. Vining, Ms. Warren, Mr. Gates, Ms. Hiremaglur, Mr. Doke, Mr. St.Denis, Dr. Morse, Mickey Turner, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Ruiz, Ms. Escamilla

-The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

-Ms. Warren motioned to start; Mr. St.Denis seconded it.

-Ms. Vela scrolled through the minutes of the last SDMC meeting as participants read through them. Ms. Warren motioned to accept the minutes; Ms. Hiremaglur seconded them.

-Staffing Overview: Ms. Vela shared that we will have a few staff members leaving us; Pin Oak is currently interviewing for Dance and Urban Agriculture teachers; Ms. Vela will attend the budget meeting in January and share updates at the next SDMC meeting. As soon as we know the dates for the transfer window, Ms. Vela will share with the staff.

-Attendance: Ms. Vela shared that our funding comes straight from attendance. We are funded every day based on attendance. The budget meeting for Pin Oak will be January 20th. Mr. Gates explained the 90% rule: all students must be in each class 90% of the time to receive credit for the class; parent communication and attendance contracts have been put in place to minimize student absences.

-Office of School Choice: The application window opens Wednesday 12/14. We are waiting on a FAQ document from the district regarding the application process. Unlike other years, this year student applicants can rank their schools.

-Bell Schedule Proposal: With STAAR 2.0 we are seeing question types our students are not used to. We have seen a huge increase in emergent bilingual students – we currently have over 200. Teachers have requested more instructional time. Cluster leaders and department chairs have requested we take 15 minutes from Charger Time and 5 minutes from Team Time to add 5 minutes to each class. All attendees were in favor of this schedule change.

-Campus Safety: Dr. Morse discussed drills POMS has done and will do (fire drill, shelter in place, lockdown). We have 0 broken/lost chrome books. There are 9 trainings on learning.com that students must complete; these trainings are being completed during team time. Today 12/12 we had our first student tech team meeting (students will shadow Ms. Hsu, learn about various apps, interview students/teachers, etc.). Ms. Vela shared we were not given any funding for any lost/damaged chrome books – but we currently do not need any. Mr. Doke mentioned reminding students that they should never be eating/drinking with their chrome books out and shared the life span of our chrome books is about 4-6 years.

-Mr. St.Denis shared that he has noticed more students are now in his classroom before the tardy bell rings. Last year this was not the case when students did not have backpacks and made frequent visits to their lockers during transitions.

-Field Usage: Ms. Vela shared that POMS shares our field with several other organizations and works to ensure the field is shared as equally as possible. Administrators will have a meeting with all involved parties next week to calendar out the spring semester for field usage.

-Ms. Warren motioned to end the meeting at 5:31pm; Ms. Anderson seconded it.