

Jane Long and Las Americas SDMC Minutes

September 29, 2022

Dr. Williams started the meeting at 4:35 and stated meetings will be held quarterly with a list of meeting dates to be sent out. Williams discussed attendance ranging from 81-90% at Long. We need to impress upon students that attendance matters and emphasize to teachers that they must take attendance daily. Another area with room for improvement is communication within staff when a student is on campus but with an administrator or other staff member due to an issue. ADA time on campus is 9:45 but that means attendance must be taken by 9:30. Dr. Williams reminded the meeting that attendance can influence not only funding but also the school rating. Her goal is to sit at 95% for attendance rates.

Dr. Williams also discussed the School Improvement Plan found on the [plan4learning](#) website as being in process with Instructional specialists and chairs working on their parts. The deadline for the School Improvement Plan is October 16th. The next item of business was the discussion of implementing a high school dress code for the spring semester. Some students are wearing items like boustiers and torn pants above the thigh. These items would not be allowed if a dress code was implemented. Dr. Williams discussed the SDMC would have to vote on dress code changes for the high school.

Ms. Bell discussed the issue of uniforms at Jane Long middle school. Ms. Bell talked about enforcing the uniform policy and the need to send out some dress code communication to students and families. Some students have gotten in trouble with staff members for wearing khaki pants vs. Jeans.

Ms. Cengiz stated that we have to set an example and students need to be covered, no torn jeans, some have the correct shirts but wear leggings.

Ms. Jenkins added that we are preparing students for society and a job. We have to be conscious as staff and school of what message we are sending to students. If a job requires a certain type of pants, then students are going to have to wear that, so they need to get used to that expectation.

Ms. Bell also mentioned what should be done about sweatshirts.

Mr. Bingley and Ms. Jenkins agreed no hoods should be worn in the school building.

Ms. Bell stated that hoods on sweatshirts should be tucked into the sweatshirt.

Ms. Garcia added that hoods should be off across all the campuses, high school included.

Ms. Bell said that we must send the message that hoodies are okay for wintry weather, so it does not look like the staff is just giving in to students and allowing hoodies because students want to wear them or refuse not to wear them.

Ms. Parks suggested that we do signs or messaging for students across campus to let them know the expectation is that the hood is off and tucked into the sweatshirt.

Dr. Williams added that we can vote on hoodies, it may be on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Bell agrees that signs our would help to signify permission during the cold months of the year.

Ms. Mirakel also added that for some students the hoodie or sweatshirt may be a comfort or safety related trauma response and feels like extra protection for some of our students who have experienced trauma.

Ms. Can added that Ms. Bell had just mentioned a similar situation when she was younger and for that reason students may need the comfort of a sweatshirt.

Dr. Williams stated that we would put it as a vote.

Ms. Bell questioned that we are setting up a rule to be broken; for example, when you expect the cafeteria to be on zero volume level and complete silence in the cafeteria is not a realistic expectation.

Mr. Bingley also added that his expectation is that the hood be off the head for students, the wearing of a jacket or a sweatshirt is not the problem.

Ms. Can mentioned that you do have to give something to replace if you are collecting hooded sweatshirts. At Las Americas we have replacements for inappropriate shirts. We are smaller so it is a bit easier, but you must provide a replacement when collecting clothing.

Ms. Garcia added that we are allowed to purchase uniforms with ESSER funds.

Dr. Williams moved on to the topic that requests for future SDMC agenda items can be sent to the secretary, Ms. Wrye, the deans of instruction at Long, or Ms. Bell. These items should be submitted a week ahead of time.

Dr. Williams asked if there is anything else for the greater good.

Ms. Parks requested if there was any way to enforce the no bathroom 10 mins before or 10 mins after class changes. She mentioned that in the past it had been inconsistent with some administrators enforcing and others not.

Dr. Williams stated that yes as administrators we can enforce that expectation. Do you have a bathroom key, Ms. Parks?

Ms. Parks answered yes, I can help with bathrooms on B days.

Dr. Williams said we just need to get someone to help with locking the bathrooms on A days.

Ms. Jenkins said she can lock but someone goes behind and unlocks the doors to let students in. She stated she blames the staff because we are not consistent. We need to make sure everyone is on the same page. The inconsistency makes it difficult.

Ms. Bell stated that we need signs on the restroom to enforce the 10 after, 10 before. Let staff know that any exceptions should be rare.

Mr. Duran suggested that we have a 15 and 15 instead of 10 and 10 due to the extended time spent in block classes.

Ms. Parks added that sometimes students are being sent for a walk or a brief break, if that is the case there could be a folder or other item sent between classes.

Mr. Bingley noted that behavior students should not be sent to the restroom because they typically must be very closely monitored, and he would rather those students not leave the classroom.

Ms. Cengiz contributed that the upstairs restrooms are now fully working so students who are in upstairs classes should not be going downstairs to use the restroom.

Dr. Williams also stated that although the use of passes for students in the halls is improving, some students have passes with no time or signature on them. Teachers need to work on making sure all passes are signed and have a time and destination.

Ms. Cengiz appreciated the administration being visible in the hallways.

Ms. Jenkins stated that we need to keep teachers supplied with hall passes so they continue to utilize them.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04.

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Name	Present or Absent
Maria Garcia	Present
Cametries Jenkins	Present
Deborah Parks	Present
Mirakel Mayoral Goodwin	Present
Jennifer Can	Present
Ceren Cengiz	Present
Timothy Bingley	Present
Sara Wrye	Present
Michael Duran	Present
Myra Bell	Present
Julie Williams	Present
Mirella Sales	Absent
Imran Hassan	Absent
Sandy Luna	Absent
Katherine Arapio	Absent