

FURR HIGH SCHOOL

SDMC Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

Meeting start time : 4:35p.m

Members Present : Assistant Principal Mr. Jarrid Calmese and Ms. Harris

Others Present : Ms. Nalleli Hidalgo and Ms. Francis

Actual Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Calmese welcomed everyone and engaged in introductions. Mr. Calmese reviewed the meeting agenda.

School Dress Code 2023-24:

Mr. Calmese shared with the committee that Furr High School will be transitioning to uniforms for the 2023-24 school year. Some of the factors that influenced the campus decision to transition to uniforms are the increase in students that fail to adhere to appropriate dress attire and the distraction it creates taking students focus off instruction.

Ms. Harris shared that the colors will be neutral and easy to obtain. The colors will be aligned to grade level, making it easy for anyone to identify a student by grade and if the student is a student on the campus.

Bell Schedule:

Mr. Calmese shared with the committee the Bell schedule suggestions for 2023-24 academic. All options will maintain the 100-minute class period. Some of the ideas that have been shares are:

- Keep the schedule as it is; 100-minute periods, Wednesday is modified schedule that includes advocacy.
- Move Advocacy from Wednesday to Friday and go through periods 1-4 or 5-8, depending on if it is an A/B Day.
- Change Friday from a rotating A/B Day and go through all periods, (1-8), including advocacy.

Committee members expressed the most interested in the 3rd option.

Campus SEL Programs:

Ms. Harris shared with the committee the details about the established program partnerships that are currently on Furr's campus.

- Voices (Change Happens)
- TAPS (Teens and Police Services)
- Urban Enrichment Institute

- Wraparound Services
- Urban Kitchen
- HESP 6315 Collaboration with Wraparound Services
- HEMYS
- School Market and Backpack Buddy

Ms. Harris spoke about the positive things that have been happening on campus through the Sun Shine committee. Some of the latest initiatives are; 100 positive phone calls, students playing chess during lunch and Catch Me At My Best.

Mr. Calmese spoke on the progress that has been made with the campus parking.

- All staff parking has been transitioned to the rear of the campus.
- Bus pickups and drop-offs occur in the front of the campus.
- Students will be issued parking permits during the 2023-24 academic year.

Closing Remarks:

Mr. Calmese opened the table for final remarks and informed the committee there will be SDMC Meetings in April and May 2023.