



## **SUGAR GROVE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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### **Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) Meeting**

**Date:** April 29, 2021

**Location:** Virtual Teams Meeting

**Meeting Start Time: 4:15 PM**

#### **Present Participants:**

<b>Austin, Ericka</b>	<b>Principal</b>
<b>Castro, Margarita</b>	<b>Counselor</b>
<b>Desai, Nimisha</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>Helmy, Islam</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>Riley, Kevin</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>Tijerina, Diana</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>Whitfield, Laquita</b>	<b>Admin Asst</b>

**Ms. Austin**, covered the following as listed:

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

- Masks and physical distancing will continue to be required in all schools, buildings, and buses as outlined in the Communicable Disease Plan.
- Effective immediately, HISD will permit parents to attend sub-varsity games that are held outside. Entry is limited to two parents per student athlete and is only applicable to outdoor games. Parents still will be required to wear masks and practice physical distancing, as outlined in HISD's Communicable Disease Plan, which governs the district's health and safety protocols.
- Select end-of-year school celebrations for students only also will be permitted with safety precautions.

#### **Student Athletes**

- Football and Volleyball seasons were a success! We are currently in Basketball and Soccer season with both boys' and girls' teams. The track team is slated to start practice next week.
- We had a very successful football and volleyball season and we are currently in basketball and soccer season with both boys' and girls' teams next week. On Monday, track practice will start, even though some of our athletic events were delayed from the fall we were able to pick up in the spring and host those events safely for our students.



**Teacher Appreciation Week**

National Teacher Appreciation Week is next week, where SGA gets to celebrate our teachers. We will also have different prizes and events set up for every single day

May 3 – May 7

- Day 1 –Chick Fil A (whole staff, café workers, tutors)
- Day 2 – Beach Bag, Beach Towel, Sunglasses – need a catchy theme for this day
- Day 3 - District provided gift
- Day 4 – Denim Shirt (whole staff)
- Day 5 – Nothing Bundt Cakes (whole staff plus tutors)

**Updated Testing Calendar**

- Based on overwhelming response for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Writing (95% participation), testing calendar has been updated
- Only a few Special Education students are taking STAAR on paper, all other students are coded for On-Line assessments. During the 7<sup>th</sup> grade exam this week, our technology was maxed out with 195 students present
- New dates break up Math and Reading exams by grade level and will start on May 18<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier than we originally planned. Entire calendar is attached.

**TELPAS Highlights**

- Total EL students 490

DOMAIN	Total Tested	Completion %	Pending	Pending %
Reading	470	95.91%	20	4.08%
Listening/Speaking	460	93.87%	30	6.12%
Writing	428	87.34%	62	12.65%

- Kudos to Mrs. Castro by getting the job done is an amazing accomplishment with our listening and speaking students. We are right around 94% with the writing, so the writing students have to submit to us five different writing samples and the state is very specific about what kind of writing samples those have to be, so we're at 87% completion for students to submit the five samples; this is an amazing accomplishment.

**Area Superintendent Campus Visit**

- Area Supt. Nicole Moore visited SGA Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and had the opportunity to observe STAAR testing, TELPAS testing, Science and ELA PLCs, and overall campus operations. She was pleased with the progress being made. Her feedback was to ensure our campus aesthetics reflect the cultural diversity of our students and staff and to make some minor updates to one of our Special Education classrooms. Mrs. Moore inquired about our summer plans in addition to the required HISD summer school.
- As a follow up to her meeting, the A180 office called twice to inquire about additional support we need with academic tutors and wraparound services (pantry, food bank).



### **May 28<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day**

- The district was approved by the HISD Board of Education during the April regular board meeting to apply for this waiver from the state to offer asynchronous instruction for students and teacher professional development on **Friday, May 28**. As a result, all students will participate in at-home virtual learning on May 28.
- Half of Friday will be for teacher professional development, and half will be allocated for teacher planning. Professional development activities will include:
  - Mandatory summer school training for all teachers who will be teaching summer school
  - HISD Compliance Courses for 2020-2021
  - Campus-level professional development. This day may be used to analyze student data for Grade Placement Committee (GPC) recommendations and completion of Individual Graduation Plans (IGP).
  - Choice sessions on OneSource offered by departments (teacher may participate with principal approval).

### **Summer School Plans**

- Teachers: 14 days; Students: 13 days
- Teacher Prep June 16<sup>th</sup>, Classes June 17 – July 8
- Students are assigned to summer school based on a matrix prepared by HISD that takes into account scores on district assessments, grades, and attendance.
- Currently there are 489 SGA students slotted to attend
- Our budget for summer school personnel includes a nurse, a custodian 19 teachers, 2 co-teachers, one campus lead, and a clerk. The budget does also include \$250 supplies.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of the Year Awards Ceremony**

- June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ceremony in the morning, afternoon Field Day/Fun Day, including dunk tank, hamster ball, cupcakes and hamburgers
- In need of a sponsor for 120 t-shirts and volunteers

### **Teacher Incentive Allotment**

- Next spring, HISD will be participating in the Texas Education Agency's Teacher Incentive Allotment, a program that aims to help districts boost student success while also recruiting and retaining high-quality educators. We're eager to be a part of this program because it will help us increase salaries for our highest performing teachers — at little-to-no cost to the district — while also ensuring students have equitable access to our most effective teachers. Before launching the program in spring of 2022, we first must develop a local designation system to help us identify our high-performing educators. Principal Austin has been selected as one of only six principals from the district to sit on the development committee.

### **2021-2022 Academic Year Planning**

- Dean of Instruction position re-coded to Teacher Specialist and interviews are underway
- An additional Reading Intervention Teacher Position will be opened for next school year to partner with Ms. Flores and specifically work with the Listening and Speaking domains of English Language Development for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Open Transfer for teachers, counselors, and nurses is April 26- May 28.

**Kevin Riley**

Kevin Riley, Special Education Teacher

**April 29, 2021**

Date