



SUGAR GROVE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 12, 2022

Location: Virtual Teams Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 4:15 p.m.

Present Participants Indicated TEAMS Participation List.

Austin, Ericka	Principal
Davidson, Dale	Community Member
Dominguez, Miguel	Business Representative
German, Felecia	Community Member
Desai, Nimisha	Teacher
Griffin, Alfarata	Teacher
Helmy, Islam	Teacher
Romel, Illiana	Counselor
Tijerina, Diana	Receptionist
Whitfield, Laquita	Administrative Assistant

Principal Austin discussed the following:

COVID-19 Updates

- Employees getting healthier
- Spike in COVID-19
- Good news- We have not had a large amount of staff out as other campuses, so we keep moving and going into classrooms to check-up on our students and staff
- Nurse can now clear employees to return to school if not able to reach Axiom
- Attendance for students with COVID has been around 80-85%. Downtrend is 5-10 days for students to remain at home of isolation, so students decline with loss of learning. We need to come up with a plan.

Testing Calendar

- Spring Semester – Goal Summative STAAR & TELPAS
- We will have another series of testing; i.e. District Testing
- Snapshot #2: 10-12 questions to complete in 10-15 minutes, but is more like a quiz.

- Items needed for testing: testing supplies, signage on door, snacks for testing

TELPAS Testing – currently our TELPAS administrator has been absent and have not finished the exam. There are 35 kids who will test for English/Language Proficiency Exam. The exam is designated for students in which English is not their primary language. Students will be tested to speak, write, read and listen.

- STAAR Testing – begins in May and students will be tested on computers/laptops which have been designated, 500 are ready. We are in need of more devices due to broken computers. The district will purchase more, but they are on back-order.

Transformation from A180 Schools

- The new superintendent and cabinet members will phase out Achieve 180 Schools at the end of the year. Under Superintendent House's leadership, moving to a transformation model is to create a more sustainable climate in instructional practices, so the school will not die.
- Ms. Austin stated that she was excited about the transformation which will affect 24 campuses as opposed to 40. Dr. Khalilah Campbell, the turnaround king, who was a former SSO and was successful in turning around Worthing High School and Thomas Middle School will be the new chief for the Transformation schools.
- Sugar Grove will finish out the year with Chief Yolanda Rodriguez. The transformation is a five-year commitment. The communication plan will be held on social media tonight discussing the rollout plan. On January 25, 2022 – The meeting will be held for the staff. Ms. Austin was elated to submit her wish list.

ESSER 4545 Funding

- HISD needed a statewide response and that is intervention to bridge gap of what students supposed to have learned last year. Students who were unsuccessful with STAAR will receive 30 hours of tutorials and the school will receive funding beginning and afterschool:
 - \$370,000 for tutorials for math and reading
 - Petitioning on a daily basis – based on needs
 - Disruption in service – providing small groups
 - March 1, 2022 is the deadline to use monies

Teacher Appreciation Gifts/Funding

- Ms. Austin stated that gifts and funding are needed as well as any suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Laquita Whitfield, Administrative Assistant

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