

SBDM Minutes 1/15/2014

Rocio Cavazos, SBDM Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

December Minutes

Evigayl Acosta motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Irene Morin seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

EOC Results

Mrs. Wilson shared a PowerPoint presentation with our Fall EOC results. See the attached presentation.

AMAO Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives

Mrs. Wilson shared a new report for accountability. The report is AMAO. See the attached PowerPoint presentation. Mrs. Wilson stated that our staff needs to, "Look at each student and focus in on how the students scores can help or hurt our overall scoring in AMAOs category. It is real important to stress how important each student is. Parents expect us to treat their children with special care and attention."

Rocio Cavazos asked all SBDM members to assist ELL students with encouraging them to use their dictionary/ thesaurus in each class to facilitate their use of this tool during testing.

GPA's

Yoelia Nava presented the GPA scales to the committee. She was asked by Elda Zendejas to propose the new GPA scale. See the attached GPA current and proposed scales.

Mrs. Nava explained that the reason there is a proposal to change the GPA scale is to make sure the tool benefits the students. More points can be awarded for students who take the advanced classes.

The junior year is a very important GPA year. The new scale will be on a multiplier system. The new system is only going to assist students. It will not penalize them for taking the courses that are available as underclassmen. DeVaughn Reszczenski and Gracie De Anda researched other districts across the state. They were instrumental in developing the new GPA scale. The new scale will be based on a 4 point system.

A motion to accept the proposal to change the current GPA scale was made by Maria Gloria Ramirez and parent SBDM member Tracey Lewis seconded the motion. The committee voted and the motion carried. The proposal will be taken to Curriculum and Instruction and be brought to the DEIC for approval.

If district approval is won, the new scale will impact the current 2014 freshmen.

Outstanding Senior Application

Donna Mason explained that seniors apply to be considered outstanding seniors. Students are responsible for getting an application and turning the application in by a specific deadline. Irene Morin posed a question about students who may not take the time to complete the process and then those students are denied the honor of being named as an Outstanding Senior. Sponsors, coaches, teachers, counselors, and administrators need to share the process with all students. The website can be utilized and Skylert can be used as well to inform parents and students. Morning announcements can be utilized to share the information as well, but the best way to inform the students is through consistent classroom reminders from their teachers. Teachers should refer and encourage students to complete the application process. Assistant Principal Monica Swift asked for the teachers to promote the Outstanding Senior Application process in their classrooms.

Sponsor, advisor, and coach signatures should be signing on the application to verify participation in clubs, sports, groups, and activities.

The Senior Applications will be due by 4:30 pm on January 24, 2014. The applications should be turned into Lydia Gomez in the main building. Mrs. Gomez is the counselor's secretary. Her office is located next to Elda Zendejas's office.

Rocio Cavazos proposed that we form a committee to review the student applications to prepare them for the voting by faculty. The work was done by Donna Mason in the past. Donna would personally tabulate all applications using an Excel Spreadsheet that she created. Some discussion was brought in regards to moving forth with technology to automate the process with an online application. The problem with an online application would be the sponsor/coach signature to authenticate the participation.

SBDM Committee volunteers included: Maria (Nena) Garza, Margarita Tamez, Rocio Cavazos, Irene Morin, and Cynthia Wilson

Rebekah Gerlach made a motion to accept and Nicole Cruz seconded the motion to accept the committee and proceed with the process of tabulating the application results.

Participation in clubs and organizations should be limited to SHS only not other campuses.

Committee members reviewed the list of current clubs, sports, and extra-curricular activities. Rocio Cavazos will check with Rose Salinas to verify existing clubs. Rose Salinas has been working with the Drug Testing Policy paperwork and is well aware of the organizations on campus.

Miscellaneous Information

Discussion: Participation in the community Baccalaureate ceremony may conclude this year because of the availability of space. With two Sharyland ISD high schools and two Mission CISD high schools the Mission Neuhaus Gym will not be large enough for participants. The two Sharyland ISD high schools may want to create their own baccalaureate ceremony for 2015.

It was noted that tradition holds that the Senior Class President speaks at graduation. The Student Council President speaks at Baccalaureate.

The McAllen Public Library will be hosting a College and Career Fair this Saturday, January 18th from 12-3 pm with more than 40 college representatives. Teachers should encourage students to participate. Nice door prizes for registrants will be provided including an iPad mini.

The pre-registration video is now available on the SHS website; it is located at the Counselor's Corner.

Two out of three meetings with parents for Pioneer High School have been held today. The first two meetings at 8 am and noon were not very well attended. It is anticipated that the evening meeting at 6 pm will have the best attendance. All juniors who are zoned to attend Pioneer High School were addressed today during 4th block. Feedback from students was mixed. Students were informed about academics and special programs. Students have option for transportation to attend CTE programs that are only going to be offered at one campus. Athletics are not recruiting students. If a current junior is zoned to Pioneer High School, but he / she wishes to remain at Sharyland High School for his/ her senior year. He / she will need to provide his/ her own transportation to and from Sharyland High School. There is a current Pioneer High School website; it has many FAQs. Please direct parents and students to the website if they have questions.

Attachment of the Pioneer staffing is proposed. It is subject to change. Juniors must decide by January 31st if they plan to stay at Sharyland High School or go to Pioneer High School. Once they decide the decision is final. Changes will not be allowed. If a student decides to attend Pioneer High School and he/ she doesn't like it, they will not be allowed to transfer back to Sharyland High School.

Mrs. Wilson shared that once student population is determined relocation forms will be made available to faculty/ staff.

Mr. Watkins complimented our band. Three students made All State Band.

Choir is going on to perform on January 25th for Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Forms are being updated for Drug Testing Policy. If students missed the deadline, they may turn in their form and be eligible again to participate. Any students who do not have their forms on file are not eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Rebekah Gerlach reminded the committee that core content/ EOC teachers need support for EOC tutorials. Saturday / after school tutorials need staff who are willing to tutor even if their current assignment is not in an EOC tested subject.

Rocio Cavazos noted that due to the increased stress caused by state testing, EOC teachers should be considered for some type of compensation that would promote retention in the tested courses.

Questions were raised in regards to: How can we appreciate our tutors? How can we reward the teachers? How can we keep our attendance up at tutorials? Irene Morin suggested that we reward both teachers and students. Rebekah Gerlach asked us to be gracious and thankful to those faculty members who support EOC subjects. Rocio Cavazos recommended that further discussion on this topic be made as an item for discussion at our February meeting. Tracey Lewis expressed her interest in attending the scheduled meeting to voice her ideas.

The next meeting will be held January 24th. No parents or teachers who have a senior may participate in the meeting as it will focus on the Outstanding Senior nominations.

Maria Gloria Ramirez, Go Center Counselor shared that juniors will be engaged with PSAT results and interpretation during Thursday and Friday of this week. She will share information with the students. 500 students will be participating by attending the Thursday and Friday sessions. If time permits, the students will create their Apply Texas registration as well.

Maria (Nena) Garza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Watkins seconded motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Cruz, SBDM Secretary