

**SDMC Meeting
September 24, 2009
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Anetta Bauer	Lawrence Cousin	Veronica Georgandis	Anna Gonzalez
Jennifer Mohler	Denise Rios	Raz Saeed	Debra Schutz
Kelly Vaughn	Catalina Villarreal	Javier Villarreal	Janet Walker

1. New SDMC members

They were introduced.

2. Passing Time

Is 4 minutes enough time between classes?

Discussion

Ms. Georgandis said that many of her students are late to class because of insufficient passing time. Ms. Gonzalez said she would make sure to let her students go on time because of the distance they have to travel to the next class. Mr. Cousin pointed out that there is a problem with students congregating in the 1st floor hall by the stairway. Ms. Georgandis recommended trying a warning bell and this proposal was accepted. The four minute passing time will remain the same.

3. 21st Century Grant

Mr. Villarreal gave information about this grant. There are two types of these grants: HISD in-house and CASE. Edison has the CASE 21st Century Grant. P4L was the vendor the last three years, but they pulled out. The program requires a degreed person in the coordinator position. The Children's Museum was not on this contract. A plan is being proposed in which Andrea Hernandez would be the after school coordinator, as well as the Edison site coordinator of the Children's Museum. There will be art, science and technology, guitar, soccer, and cooking nutrition classes offered. HISD will pay the museum \$71,000. HISD needs to approve this. There is a liability concern about Ms. Hernandez not being an HISD employee while students are here. This may be overcome by the addition of an after school HISD clerk. Edison would be the only school in HISD to have this type of after school program. (Afterward: All parties have now approved this program.)

Discussion

Ms. Gonzalez was concerned that last year there was a lack of after school supervision. Ms. Villarreal said that parents would have to come to the office to pick up students. Ms. Bauer said that teachers on duty after school have helped make sure that students are where they should be. She suggested that a bell could be rung when students should be in class. Ms. Villarreal said that students will need to come at least 30 days per semester. Ms. Georgandis said that students need ID badges indicating their enrollment in the after school program.

4. Mr. Villarreal said that exercise is not to be used as a punishment for students.

Discussion

Two students missed their bus because they were in detention. Mr. V said that parents must be notified 24 hours in advance, as noted in the school handbook. Teachers must have a signed note from the parent saying that it is okay to hold their child for detention. Mr. Cousin said that 6th and 7th grade students are following rules better this year. However, he's noticed some teachers getting lax about correcting student behavior in the hallway.

5. Temporary Badges

Do we need to set a time and place for giving them?

Discussion

Ms. Villarreal suggested that we give teachers five temporary badges and then teachers would turn in the money later to the office. They also sell badges in the cafeteria and auditorium. Ms. Georgandis would have the students get detention instead of collecting money. A suggestion was made that there be different colored badges each day or different colored markers on the badges. Mr. V said there is a problem at lunch with too many boys and girls going to the bathroom and meeting in the hall outside the cafeteria. It was recommended that students in the cafeteria get a hall pass.

6. Parent Student Drop-Off

We will soon have students exit Maltby and the PE field. A letter will be sent home to parents about dropping off and picking up students in a different location.

7. Attendance

Attendance has been great for the last couple of days. Jeans and free dress are working.

8. Discipline Procedures

Discipline procedures begin in the classroom. If a teacher does not do well in Domain 4, they can be put back in PDAS after four instances of poor classroom management. Teachers are sending students to the office with only one problem. They have not given any punishment. After today, Mr. V will have a meeting with the teacher about classroom management policies if this occurs. They can be put in the intervention process. Teachers must talk to parents before referring a student to an AP.

Discussion

Mr. Cousin asked: If a student is misbehaving in every class, does each teacher need to make 4 phone calls home, with a total of 20 phone calls for one student? The response was to make their AP aware of any of these types of cases. Teachers cannot sit students in the hall. Teachers cannot refer students to the office for little misbehaviors. Mr. Cousin said that it is up to each teacher to develop a personal relationship with all of their students. This will help deter misbehavior. Ms. Gonzalez noted that the Discipline Committee has yet to meet this school year. It was finalized that they will meet October 5th. This subject of student misbehavior will be brought up in the next faculty meeting October 13th. It was brought up that Officer Guerrero has been wearing black t-shirts. Teachers are concerned because that color of shirt is affiliated with gangs. It will be recommended to him that he wear solid white or gray t-shirts.