Sam Houston MSTC

Date: September 25, 2024

Meeting Start time: 4:45pm; Meeting End time: 5:45pm

SDMC Agenda Minutes

Members in attendance: Jesus Solis (Assistant Principal); Yurixi Rojas (Teacher); Kasey Simpson (Special Education Representative); Dr. Linares (Principal); Griselda Gonzalez (Assistant Principal) Rae Gaut (Teacher); Mrs. Rojas (Teacher) Mr. Robert Rivera (Community Member)

Topics discussed:

* Campus Needs Assessment- Schoolwide strengths were discussed. Some of Sam Houston High School strengths are building traditions, community involvement, community outreach, diversity, dedicated staff members, community partnerships, structured systems (NES Model implementation), consistent discipline during tardy sweeps, connections with outside law enforcement. Some weaknesses are traffic issues, tardiness to classes, students skipping to family dollar, socioeconomic deficiencies, dress code issues for students.
* Opportunities: College and Career readiness prep; continue to work with feeder pattern schools, continue to enforce positive reinforcements for student outcomes.
* Threats: Violence and safety nationwide concern, number of entrances/exits on campus, student truancy, and our community member stated that the depression statics are rising in the Hispanic population.
* Campus Action Plan: The plan has three target areas. 1. The areas that were reviewed were the campus will increase the number of students who will be TSI ready. 2. The admin team will create systems to ensure and monitor IEP’s are written effectively. 3. The campus will improve the English Proficiency for emergent bilingual students. The committee voted in favor for the proposed campus action plan.
* Magnet Program Update: Currently there are 67 students enrolled this year in the 9th grade cohort. A new course has been added to the pathway. Magnet application window has opened. October campus tours will start. In the Health Professions magnet program that is offered at Sam Houston, CTE certification is earned after completion of the program. Next school year we will be adding 3 more co harts to the magnet program.
* IB MIDDLE YEARS SUNSETTING: These programs were discussed during the meeting. Awareness was brought to the committee that only 9th and 10th grade students can participate in the IB program. No certification or diploma is earned from this program. As committee it was agreed that the IB program be removed from Sam Houston because it is not beneficial to the students that are enrolled because it only services 9th and 10th graders. Sam Houston decided that the Health Profession magnet program is beneficial to all students because they can continue that pathway trajectory until 12th grade year.
* Additional Comments- Not currently.