

Waltrip High School SDMC Meeting December 10th, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was commenced by Michael Niggli, Principal at 4:30 pm.

Principal Niggli welcomed the SDMC and started the meeting with an update on enrollment and budget. Enrollment as of today's meeting is 1852. There are no projected losses to staff or cuts at this time. Waltrip is projected to receive funds at the mid-year budget review. Funds to be distributed amongst departments for instructional and enrichment resources.

Class of 2021 updates: Niggli stated that an outdoor graduation at a stadium is a proposition at the district level that has a lot of support. This way students can have an in-person graduation ceremony while still taking precautions against the pandemic. Waltrip may have their graduation at Delmar field; more information forthcoming. It was also noted that Balfour is taking orders in late January and there will be senior photos February 10 and 11.

Waltrip's English Learner Sheltered Instruction Coach, Crystal Duffy, presented on the school's efforts to better serve English learners. Data from the EL Campus Report was shared in addition to instructional strategies and supports.

Niggli reported that the STAAR test will not count in TEA accountability for the 2020-21 school year. However, students still must pass STAR for graduation.

There will be a 3DE planning meeting in January. 3DE from Junior Achievement was first introduced as a school support before the COVID pandemic sidetracked discussions.

There is still a teaching vacancy in the CTE Health Science pathway.

Facilities & Maintenance Operations: Waltrip is receiving a new Internet server in December. The HVAC filters should be replaced by the district at the end of the month. Niggli had met with HISD HVAC employees in October about the filters needing to be changed every three months.

There was a COH Health Department Visit to Waltrip and the feedback around the school's safety protocols for COVID was positive.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.