SDMC MINUTES: September 18, 2024 Waltrip High School

1. Welcome and Overview

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cortez.

An overview of the purpose of the SDMC (Shared Decision-Making Committee)
meeting was provided, highlighting a focus on student performance and school
improvement efforts. The team will act as a sounding board and provide
suggestions, ideas, and next steps to impact Waltrip in a positive way.

2. Action Plan: Algebra and STAAR Master Level Focus

Primary Focus:

- The focus is on improving Algebra performance and the STAAR Master level scores across all tested subjects.
- Algebra regressed from the 2023 to 2024 school year, prompting additional focus on intervention strategies.

• Data Checkpoints:

- Checkpoints were implemented to capture data and track progress, using the following assessments:
 - 1. October Campus-Based Assessment
 - 2. January Interim Assessment
 - 3. February Campus-Based Assessment
 - 4. March Campus-Based Assessment
- Data from each checkpoint will inform the next steps in instructional strategies.

3. Upcoming Events

• College Fair:

- Scheduled for October 7th, 6-8 PM, with over 40 confirmed universities.
- Students and parents will have the opportunity to interact with university representatives.

• Senior Parent Meetings:

 Scheduled for October 17th to discuss expectations and graduation requirements.

• Tutorial Sessions:

 Tutorials have started (9/16 - 12/13) for Algebra 1, Biology, English 1, and English 2 to assist students preparing for the STAAR test in December. **SDMC MINUTES:** September 18, 2024 Waltrip High School

 All students needing additional preparation for the STAAR are welcome to attend. Dates are posted on the website.

4. Support for Students' Social and Emotional Needs

- Discussion around strategies to support students socially and emotionally included:
 - Increased Club Awareness: Encouraging student participation in the student led Christian school clubs.
 - DePelchin Counseling Services Partnership: Expanding mental health support by partnering with the organization to provide services for students who are seeking guidance.
 - Additional Staff Training: Preparing staff for emergency drills from the district.
 - Safety Awareness: Building a culture of safety with strategies like "Run, Hide, Fight" and "Get Off the X" to help students make quick decisions.

5. Open Floor Discussion

Questions Raised:

- b. **Administrator-to-Student Ratio:** Questions regarding appropriate staffing for school events. The principal will follow up with correct information
- c. **Overtime Pay Restrictions:** Clarification sought on overtime caps for staff and awareness among staff about these restrictions. The principal, business manager, and office manager maintain the record of all overtime approvals.
- d. **Projected enrollment numbers:** Questions regarding the projected enrollment number set by previous principal and what is the campus current enrollment. The projection was at 1526, and the current enrollment is 1618.

Next Steps:

- Provide clarity on the campus expectations for the use of **Demonstration of** Learning (DOL).
- Build a campus culture and awareness around the use of **Demonstration of Learning (DOL)** grades for students.
- Provide updated SDMC policy documents to committee members.

Action Items:

- Ms. Cortez will provide updated SDMC policy documents to all members.
- Campus safety captain will organize further training for staff on safety protocols.

• Continuous tracking of Algebra and STAAR performance data to inform instructional changes.