

SECONDARY DAEP SDMC MINUTES

Date: 09/29/2022

Time: 4:00 pm

Facilitator: David Barragato

In Attendance

David Barragato, Chair, Principal	Tarawa Pitre, Counselor
Elizabeth Hancock, Assistant Principal	Tokioyuana Suggs, Teacher
Larry McKinzie, Teacher	Denise Morales, Community Representative

Approval of Minutes

As our first meeting of the 2022 – 2023 school year, there were no minutes to be read and approved.

Welcome

Ms. Barragato began the meeting at 4:15 pm. As all members knew each other, introductions were not made.

Mr. Barragato outlined the format of the meeting, to begin with the School Improvement Plan and a brief explanation of the presentation he is to give to the middle schools about the redistricting of the Secondary DAEP from 6th through 12th grades to 6th to 8th grades, including four new Special Education programs and Harper DAEP moving from all Special Education students to a general education program for 9th – 12th grades with a more inclusion based Special Education program.

He explained we would see more on this during his presentation later in the meeting.

School Improvement Plan

Mr. Barragato walked us through the School Improvement Plan, stopping to explain action steps and how they assist to achieve our goals, while each member present referred to their paper copy. Members present asked questions about several points in the plan, and they were answered by another member or Mr. Barragato.

The highlights were:

- Problems of Practice: Absenteeism and Bus Routes – four weeks into the school year

- We have many students with chronic absenteeism because they cannot get to school. Since students come from all over Houston ISD, they often must leave home very early to get to us.
- Both parents often work and must get their other children to school before driving they DAEP student to school because of the distance.
- One parent is using an Uber, others are brought when their parents can drive them, and still others ride metro. Many students are late, often beyond the ADA time.
- As of September 29th, bus routes have still not be assigned for the DAEP.
 - Mr. Wilcots, over transportation, told Mr. Barragato that he didn't know that there had been a restructuring.

During the discussion above, Ms. Morales came into the meeting. Mr. Barragato had her introduce herself and those present introduced themselves, as well.

- Board Goals 1 and 2 (English Language Arts and Math)
 - It was questioned what the wording had to do with a middle school. Mr. Barragato explained that Board Goals cannot be changed, but the measurable objectives and strategies are aligned with middle school.
- Board Goal 3 (CCMR)
 - Secondary DAEP has hosted an open house with several speakers.
 - DAEP is in the process of calendaring a College and Career fair.
 - DAEP holds weekly attendance and Graduation Support Meetings and calls parents of students who are absent.
 - Ms Pitre told us about how the counselors do family wellness checks, not just to call on student attendance. She also talked about the new program on campus called the Thinkery. She also spoke of a student who is often a runner and how the use off the Thinkery and proactive proximity worked to keep him in class.
- The remaining Board Goals were reviewed with no discussion.

Grants

Ms. Morales, a 5th Ward Community Initiatives Manager spoke about the State Farm Safety Initiative grants that are becoming available for increasing safety around schools in the area. They can be used for making school safer (we have parking lot gates in need of repair), National Nights Out, and other safety measures.

Data

DAEP enrollment is at 27 students. Ms. Pitre told us that at least five others enrolled today.

Safety

- TEA: Over the summer schools were to complete a School Safety Action Audits and report compliance with Senate Bill 11. The DAEP was in compliance with nearly all action steps at the time of completion and is either completed or in the process of completing the few items remaining.
- HISD Threat Assessment Screener Protocols and Flowchart: HISD failed in this. DAEP has protocols in place and actively revises them as needed to ensure safety.

Campus and District Updates

- T-TESS Calibration Walk with the HISD Team is scheduled for November 16th. District leaders and DAEP appraisers will visit classrooms and assign ratings for those teachers. The scores will be compared to ensure that all appraisers provide consistent ratings.
- Mr. Barragato spoke about collecting information using surveys or other tools such as Pear Deck or a ballot box, to collect information from the staff on a variety of measures. Mr. Barragato wants to encourage staff to offer ideas to be implemented or discontinued, providing input from as many stakeholders as possible.

New Business

- Recap of Back to School night – September 9
- Parent Education Programs – Counselors
- Teacher Grants Application Process – School Principal

Committee Reports

- Membership
- Volunteers
- Newsletter
- Computer Support

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Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.