

MINUTES - SDMC Meeting – Waltrip HS  
Meeting Called by Jeanette Cortez', Principal  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

AGENDA ITEMS	TIME	MINUTES
XI. Welcome	2 min	<b>Attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Cortez</li> <li>• AP Cano</li> <li>• Mr. Beatty</li> <li>• Mr. Gray</li> <li>• Ms. Shoney, PTO President</li> <li>• Ms. Dudley</li> <li>• Mr. Dowiak</li> </ul> <b>Teacher Evaluation System (TES)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TES will impact salaries, but specifics are still to be determined.</li> <li>• The district is pivoting away from T-TESS.</li> <li>• <b>T-TESS Framework Breakdown:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 33% = Spot Observations</li> <li>○ 22% = Formal 45-minute Evaluations</li> <li>○ 34% = Student Achievement</li> <li>○ 11% = Domain 4 (Professionalism, Practice &amp; Responsibilities)</li> <li>○ The first three components account for 65% of the teacher score.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Schools can submit up to three choices for evaluation frameworks.</li> </ul> <b>Panorama Student Surveys</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panorama is the current provider of student surveys.</li> <li>• Already piloted at 12 campuses this year.</li> <li>• Additional elements may be considered for input at a future date, such as Distinguished Teacher Feedback.</li> <li>• <b>Question (Dowiak):</b> How will administrators be evaluated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Response (Pr. Cortez):</b> Separate framework introduced last year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>TES Framework Options</b> <b>Option A</b>
XII. Play Recording of Slides	10 min	
XIII. Explore Additional Resources	5 min	
XIV. TES Framework (slides 15-20)	10 min	
XV. Deliberation on TES framework	30 min	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning &amp; Professionalism: 15%</li><li>• Campus Action Plan: 10%</li><li>• Student Achievement: 30% (Includes Spot Checks)</li><li>• Quality of Instruction: 45%</li><li>• Many components; evidence submission for six components.</li></ul> <p><b>Option B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning &amp; Professionalism: 15%</li><li>• Campus Action Plan: 5%</li><li>• Student Achievement: 35% (Includes Spot Checks)</li><li>• Quality of Instruction: 45%</li></ul> <p><b>Option C</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The group did not support Options A, B, or C.</li><li>• Nearly reached consensus on Option E.</li></ul> <p><b>Option D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning &amp; Professionalism: 15%</li><li>• Campus Action Plan: 5%</li><li>• Student Survey: 5%</li><li>• Student Achievement: 35% (Includes Spot Checks)</li><li>• Quality of Instruction: 40%</li></ul> <p><b>Option E (Preferred Choice)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning &amp; Professionalism: 15%</li><li>• Student Survey: 10%</li><li>• Student Achievement: 30% (Includes Spot Checks)</li><li>• Quality of Instruction: 35%</li><li>• Campus Action Plan: 10%</li><li>• <b>Rationale:</b> Higher teacher control over evaluation factors.</li><li>• <b>Concern (Gray):</b> Student surveys should include all students a teacher has, not a small sample, to ensure validity.</li><li>• Teacher feedback meetings scheduled; dates forthcoming.</li></ul> <p><b>Master Schedule for Next Year</b></p> <p><b>Question (Dowiak):</b> How will we improve scheduling?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Response (Pr. Cortez):</b> Work began before winter break.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full counseling staff is now in place.</li><li>• <b>AP Martinez, Pr. Cortez, and Counselor West</b> leading the process.</li><li>• <b>Changes:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Math &amp; English double blocks will continue.</li><li>○ Core courses will include "Reading 1" or "Reading 2."</li><li>○ AP courses are set next.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Follow-up:</b> Course catalog availability?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Response:</b> HISD produces the document, but each school offers a unique subset of courses. A school-specific list will be available soon.</li><li>○ AP teachers should continue recruiting students for next year.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Scheduling Challenges &amp; Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Issue:</b> Predictable data loss from past years.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Last year, constraints were added to lock student schedules.</li><li>○ <b>Concern (Dowiak):</b> Two-week blackout period required extensive effort to fix. Other schools use Excel before uploading schedules.</li><li>○ <b>Response (Pr. Cortez):</b> Ms. West has 12 years of experience in this system and understands the next steps.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Issue:</b> Gaps in student schedules.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Question (Dowiak):</b> Are there reports tracking holes in schedules?</li><li>○ <b>Response (Pr. Cortez):</b> Yes.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Counselor Availability:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Question (Dowiak):</b> Can we incentivize counselors to work over the summer?</li><li>○ <b>Response (Pr. Cortez):</b> No budget for incentives, but we do have a 12-month counselor and are working on adding another.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Improving Course Selection Process:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Concern (Gray):</b> Students should have an improved system to select electives easily.</li><li>○ <b>Response (Pr. Cortez):</b> Teachers and counselors must actively recruit students for courses.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Next Meeting</b> <b>March 5, 2025</b></p>
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