

Qtr 3 SDMC Minutes Jane Long Academy and Las Americas 02/16/2022

This was the Qtr 3 SDMC meeting for the 2021-2022 school year for Jane Long Academy and Las Americas. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Moreno at 4:30 pm.

Dr. Moreno began with taking attendance and introductions of members and assuring that all necessary roles are assigned. She discussed the agenda which will focus on neighborhood schools, SEL, behavior contracts, uniforms, ESSER monies, and safety concerns.

Office Pena opened the meeting by stating that the campus has seen a minimum number of fights. The issues of the neighborhood are not affecting the campus. The campus is doing a great job of finding things to trigger misbehavior. He stated that Ms. Joiner and the Sped department are working with students identified as having an emotional disturbance. Campus social worker is dealing with SEL issues. One negative thing with school culture is that teachers assume that a few misbehaviors is a representative of the entire student body.

Ms. Joiner stated that we have more students labeled with and Emotional Disturbance that are placed in the general education setting. This group of students have a behavior intervention plan that must be followed by all teachers. Office Pena added that teachers mention that that school has safety issues which leads him to invite them to look at other schools compared to what we deal with.

Mr. White stated that one area of concern is when teachers put students out of class. When students are put out of class this creates a safety issue because the student is free to roam campus. He suggests teachers should accept their students in the room and call for assistance and wait for an administrator to come and address the situation. There are some teachers that administration has addressed direction. Ms. Gray (Theatre) has been addressed verbally, via email and neither has seemed to work. Ms. Joseph has addressed both Mr. Lewis (Math) and Mr. Salley (Math) about this and it has been corrected. Ms. Hoy has addressed this with Ms. Lewis (History). Ms. Howell (Social Worker Las Americas) stated that Ms. Munoz puts students out of class without the ability for the student to repair the situation and return to class.

Dr. Moreno discussed possible solutions for student discipline problems. She explained it is imperative for teachers to stand at their doors during passing periods. There should be bell-to-bell instruction in all classrooms. Dr. Moreno will send a diagram to all staff depicting how safe the hallways are when admin walks the halls during passing periods compared to how safe the hallways are when teachers are standing at their door and admin walks the hall. Ms. Joseph stated that the gym area was a safety concern. Coach Brotherton needs to walk students out of the gym and monitor them as they walk to the main building to alleviate potential student issues in the courtyard and gym areas.

Ms. Joiner mentioned uniforms being a safety concern. Students are not wearing their uniforms and it is hard to distinguish between grades levels. Hoodies should not be worn by students. They should be allowed to wear school issued sweatshirts or a sweatshirt that does not have a hood. Dr. Moreno stated that with the district's lax dress code policy the campus is doing it best to address this issue.

The nurse discussed the importance of all students having a pass when they come to the clinic. She must keep a log all the students she sees over the course of the school year and submit it to district personnel.

Dr. Moreno praised our campus police officers for doing an amazing job. We have had 5 officers before Officer Sylvester (current) and her and Officer Pena have been very visible in the hallways and making sure the campus is safe every day.

Dr. Moreno discussed the date of the next faculty meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.