

Dixie Heights High School
SBDM Approved Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017
Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

- Karen Hendrix brought the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. The following council members were present: teacher representatives – Jennifer Henry, Rachel McCormick, Chris Welch; parent representatives – Toni Bluemlein, Elise Schowalter, Marcia Tyler; principal—Karen Hendrix. Lafon Benton, Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

- Reviewed January Meeting Agenda. Chris Welch motioned to approve the agenda; Toni Bluemlein seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed December unapproved meeting minutes. Rachel McCormick moved to approve the minutes; Chris Welch seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of Budget

- Council reviewed budget. Elise Schowalter made a motion to approve; Jennifer Henry seconded. Consensus was reached.

Good News

- Bowling Team advanced to State.
- Many Dixie students did well at the recent Scholastics competition and exact details of those awards will be shared at the next month's meeting when they're available.

Public Comment

- Biak and Victor spoke on the issue of graduation listed further down in the meeting agenda. Victor spoke for Biak to explain that she began to attend Dixie last January and began with 9th grade credits, as she didn't have a transcript. He further explained that students in Biak's situation don't have a choice about their credits or education, despite having the necessary credits to graduate. The council acknowledged the current policy in place and agreed to discuss it further.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Wellness Policy**
 - Wellness policy was read 2nd time. Chris Welch motioned to approve the policy; Elise Schowalter seconded. Consensus was reached.
- **Discipline Policy**
 - First read of amended policy. Elise Schowalter motioned to approve the policy; Chris Welch seconded. Consensus was reached.
- **099 Remedial College Class Discussion**
 - K. Hendrix shared the information she recently obtained from the district consultant, Gary McCormick about the courses that current college students now take that bear college credit. With the new information, the council's previous questions were answered and further pursuit of creating a class to assist students with fulfilling this requirement was determined to be unnecessary.
- **Writing Policy**
 - Council revisited topic and wording including "portfolio." Both district consultant and current English department lead said "paper copies" is more consistent with current situation for students. Jennifer Henry motioned to accept the policy's first read; Elise Schowalter seconded. Consensus was reached.
- **Prep/Prep +**
 - Council made motion last month to remove AP Literature as one of the options for sophomore Prep + students. The acceleration plan discussed at this meeting reflected that change. It was also discussed that a writing component could be added at a later time. Elise Schowalter motioned to approve the plan; Marcia Tyler seconded. Consensus was reached.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Student Achievement Report/Data**
 - K. Hendrix shared that Dixie Heights students finished in the top 5 in the state for those achieving MOS certifications.
- **Graduation**
 - Council discussed and reviewed the current policy that states that students who return for a 5th year of high school will not be able to participate in any senior activities or walk in graduation unless he/she is a student who is eligible for a year 14 education. Council discussed adding, "U.S." to the policy so it reads, "5th year of a U.S. high school."

- **Committee Reports**

- K. Hendrix shared that regular committees have not recently met due to Winter Break, but several faculty members responded to her recent weekly memo outlining the Sandy Hook Promise, and were positive and supportive of the initiative.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Hendrix. E. Schowalter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lafon Benton