

Dixie Heights High School
SBDM Approved Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017
Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

- Karen Hendrix brought the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The following council members were present: teacher representatives – Jennifer Henry, Chris Welch; parent representatives – Toni Bluemlein, Elise Schowalter, Marcia Tyler; principal—Karen Hendrix. Lafon Benton, Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

- Reviewed February Meeting Agenda. K. Hendrix motioned to add an item, “New Allocation Formula.” T. Bluemlein motioned to approve the agenda; M. Tyler seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed January unapproved meeting minutes. J. Henry moved to approve the minutes; E. Schowalter seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of Budget

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

Good News

- Indoor Track Team finished 4th out of 18 teams at the Mason County Indoor Meet.
- 10 Dixie students were selected to represent KCSD as Governor’s Scholars’ Nominees.
- Kylie Brock earned her 1,000th point at the girls’ basketball game on Jan. 21st vs. Scott.
- 6 band members were recently selected to participate in the KMEA District 6 Select Band.
- Madyson Haynes advanced to the Semi Finalist round in the area of Visual Art in the Overture Awards.
- Cheerleading Team won the National Competition in Orlando Florida this past Sunday.
- At this past weekend’s Regional Competition, several members of the Dixie Swimming Team broke school records and advanced to the State Competition.
- At this past weekend’s Regional Competition, several Dixie wrestlers advanced to state.
- One of our teachers, Vanessa Groneck, led a webinar for the district this past week.
- Members of the National Honor Society visited the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati to prepare a meal for the families and their children. Students worked with a chef to plan, prepare, and serve lunch for over 78 families.

- Lauren Hudson won the award for Best Young Adult Book at the London Book Festival for her novel, *The Ascension*.

Public Comment

- none

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discipline Policy—2nd Reading**
 - Council read through the policy again and no changes were made. E. Schowalter motioned to approve. M. Tyler seconded. Consensus was reached.
- **Writing Policy**
 - Council conducted second read of the policy and no changes were made. J. Henry motioned to approve the policy; Chris Welch seconded. Consensus was reached.
- **Prep/Prep +**
 - K. Hendrix reviewed information and discussion from previous meeting. Council read through the information again that detailed the acceleration plans. It was asked if Pre-Cal Honors should be offered for the Prep+ students instead of Pre-Cal. K. Hendrix stated that she would investigate further and bring the information to Council at the March meeting.
- **Graduation**
 - Council read through the amended policy that included the suggested, “U.S.” to the policy so it reads, “5th year of a U.S. high school.” With the amendment and second read, C. Welch motioned to approve. J. Henry seconded. Consensus was reached.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Band Position**
 - K. Hendrix inquired about the position and Council agreed that we would need a band position next year. They agreed to support K. Hendrix in moving forward in posting the position and seeking applicants.
- **Course Guide Approval**
 - Council discussed changes to course offerings in English at the sophomore level, including Advanced and Accelerated English II. It was discussed whether or not there was much difference in the teaching methods utilized in those classes and the course requirements outlined in the syllabi. J. Henry motioned to approve. M. Tyler seconded. Consensus was reached.

- **Ideas for Professional Development**

- K. Hendrix shared that she had recently asked faculty for ideas and received the following topics: suicide awareness, drug awareness, effective ways to use IC, transgender-related topics, and book studies. She asked the Council if they had additional ideas and they shared: cyber-bullying, poverty (McKinney Vento law), & gap/ELL populations.

- **Student Achievement—Program Review**

- K. Hendrix shared that Dixie has completed the first check-in and will be focusing on the creation of a dance class/unit to help meet requirements.

- **Committee Reports**

- K. Hendrix shared out about the latest from the Committees:

--**Curriculum**—Discussed the new Science assessment. As it looks like it might be broadening out to other contents, they reviewed what it looks like and the main components.

--**Student Climate**—Discussed Student of the Month program and how to sustain the program

--**Student Services**—Discussed ISS and ways to improve the program and practices involved, and how to decrease the number of students who are assigned.

- **New Allocation Formula**

- K. Hendrix shared that at the last Board of Education meeting, a new formula was approved for calculating teacher allocations for the next school year. Instead of being 25:1, it is now 26:1, which will change how allocations will be figured for the upcoming year. As it stands now, our rough estimate is a loss of 2.3 teachers. Council also discussed losing incoming 8th graders to some private schools.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Hendrix. M. Tyler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lafon Benton