

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

- Karen Hendrix brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The following council members were present: teacher representatives –R. McCormick, N. Tucker; parent representatives – T. Bluemlein, Elise Schowalter, ; principal—Karen Hendrix; Lafon Benton, Secretary.

OPENING BUSINESS

Approval of Agenda

- Reviewed November Meeting Agenda. T. Bluemlein motioned to approve; N. Tucker seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed October unapproved meeting minutes. T. Bluemlein motioned to approve the minutes; R. McCormick seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of Budget

- Council reviewed budget. N. Tucker made a motion to approve; R. McCormick seconded. Consensus was reached.

Good News

- The Girls Soccer Team won Regionals this year!
- Five students won awards through the KyAEA and 14 students were selected to exhibit in the Brescia University Juried High School Art Competition.
- Senior student Malorie Beil signed with the University of Tennessee Swim Team.
- Dixie had a successful Veterans Day celebration and program.
- Dixie's Junior Varsity Academic Team won 2nd place overall in JV Challenge this past Saturday.

Public Comment

- None

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT/DATA

- Ms. Hendrix shared the Reading and Math data with council which included scores from the sophomore English II and junior level Alg. II exams. It was noted that district and Dixie scores in reading decreased from the previous year. It was noted that scores increased in math in both the distinguished and proficient categories.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- **Department Chair Report**

- Mr. Gillis was present and highlighted what the English department is currently doing to improve performance among GAP students. He specifically noted that in 9th grade, teachers are breaking down CERT data with individual students and having students to revisit missed items. In 10th grade, students are using CERT data to develop skills-based bell ringers and doing ACT remediation activities based on CERT data. In 11th grade, after practice tests, they are leading break out groups based on ACT English and reading scores. In 12th grade, deficits are mainly addressed through remedial classes: CCR 12 and English Intervention.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Graduation Policy Review**

- Ms. Hendrix and council reviewed the policy related to graduation requirements, specifically outlining the change from the previous policy. The SBDM also discussed the stipulation of needing 4 math credits to graduate and one math class during senior year. Council read policy again as currently stated. N. Tucker motioned to approve; E. Schowalter seconded. Consensus was reached.

- **CSIP**

- Ms. Hendrix shared the current department plans for Closing the Gap and spoke with council to change the December SBDM meeting as already scheduled in order to allow for approval of CSIP. Members agreed to meeting change from Dec. 8th to Dec. 4th at 4 p.m. Ms. Hendrix asked for council input on the CSIP related to work currently focused on GAP/growth. It was suggested that something be added to address the EL population who speak Chin and Ms. Hendrix shared she would include that in the plan.

- **Daily Schedule Review**

- Ms. Hendrix shared that Council members recently went to Ryle to learn more about their intervention period. Ms. McCormick shared that they learned that the system has to fit their particular school and she wanted to stress that any program implemented at Dixie would have to be able to fit the specific needs of our students. She also shared that she learned that we would need to be skills-focused rather than content-focused. Common planning would also help teachers work more productively and it would be something that would have to be studied because of scheduling conflicts. Ms. Tucker shared that tracking where kids are during an intervention period might also pose difficulty, as does taking basic student attendance. Council also discussed tracking software, study hall options, as well as college visit and CCR opportunities. Next steps would include researching tracking options and software that could be utilized to help with an RTI period.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Minority Election**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared that Aracely Norvell is the new SBDM minority parent representative for this school year and council welcomed her.
- **3rd trimester—science teacher**
 - Ms. Hendrix said that the science department requested she share with council their request for a posting to be made to try to hire someone for the third trimester. Council members agreed to post that position with the hopes of hiring.
- **OECD**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared information about this test and the possibility that all three high schools might take it in the near future. She shared that 85 sophomores would be randomly selected to take the 3.5-hour test on computer here at school. After, Dixie would receive a multi-page report showing how our students scored in comparison to other schools in the nation and world.
- **New Accountability**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared information about the new accountability model. She stressed that everything is still in draft form, but council members will have time to review more in the future as she will send an electronic version to all members. According to this model, math, science, social studies, and reading will all be weighted equally, but schools will receive more weight for moving students from novice and apprentice levels to proficiency. She also stressed that this will not be in place this school year but next year.
- **Dual Credit Classes**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared that another district high school is currently considering changing the way their school awards high school credits based on hours per college class (dual credit hours). Council discussed weighted GPA and how colleges consider that information, as well as level of rigor in dual credit versus AP courses. It was agreed that should that school change policy, Dixie should do so as well for the benefit of all students so that our students will get equal consideration when applying for various programs such as GSP. Council then reviewed and read through the dual credit policy as stated. N. Tucker motioned to approve for first read; E. Schowalter seconded. Policy will have second read at December meeting on 12/4.
- **Adjournment**
 - Ms. Hendrix made a motion to adjourn. E. Schowalter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Lafon Benton