

Dixie Heights High School
SBDM Approved Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017
Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

- Karen Hendrix brought the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. The following council members were present: teacher representatives –R. McCormick, N. Tucker, C. Welch; parent representatives – T. Bluemlein, Elise Schowalter; principal—Karen Hendrix; Lafon Benton, Secretary.

OPENING BUSINESS

Approval of Agenda

- Reviewed October Meeting Agenda. T. Bluemlein motioned to approve; C. Welch seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed September unapproved meeting minutes. C. Welch motioned to approve the minutes; T. Bluemlein seconded. Consensus was reached.

Approval of Budget

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

Good News

- Dixie has four National Merit Semi-Finalists: Jackson Burns, Madison Webster, Logan Wibberley, & Keziah Zhou.
- Congratulations to Lauren Hudson on being named the 2017 Independent Author of the Year. In addition, she has received national recognition with the Mom's Choice Gold Award and the Readers' Favorite Bronze Award, accompanied by a coveted Readers' Favorite Five Star Review. Lauren's books have now received more than fifteen regional and national awards.
- Dixie's Cross Country teams did well in their latest competition. The girls tied for First Place and brought home the Second Place trophy due to losing the tie breaker. The boys' team also finished second just a few points behind Ryle.
- The Marching Band earned Grand Champion once again at last weekend's competition at La Salle. They also received awards for Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect, and Best Color Guard.
- 45 Dixie students recently received their industry certification for Microsoft Word 2016. Special congratulations goes to Derek Disibio who scored a perfect 1000 on the exam, and to Jason Christian who successfully passed the Microsoft Word 2016 Expert Certification!
- The NHS Pancake breakfast to collect money for hurricane survivors raised more than \$1200 and received two carloads of non-perishables.
- Mallory Beil verbally committed the University of Tennessee.

- Freshman Girls Soccer Team is still undefeated and won their match against Notre Dame this past weekend.
- Logan Wibberly and Madison Webster both scored 36 on their ACTs.

Public Comment

- None

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT/DATA

- **Gap**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared the September CERT test data with council and how gap student groups performed when compared to regular 9th-11th grade testing groups. Overall, in all areas, data showed students identified in a gap group scored lower in reading, math, science, and English. Council discussed possible reasons for why scores were lower with those students and possible solutions to help close the gaps.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- **Department Chair Report**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared that, starting next month, one department chair will come to each SBDM meeting to share what his/her department is doing to close the gap.

BYLAW OR POLICY REVIEW/READINGS ADOPTION

- **Draft Emergency Plan Amendment**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared the new portion of the safety plan for 2017-18 with council. Council members agreed that it was a good addition to the current plan.
- **Graduation Requirements**
 - Council read and reviewed the current graduation requirement policy, specifically the clause requiring a writing folder for successful for senior English courses. As this is no longer a requirement, Ms. Hendrix proposed that that portion of the policy be deleted. It was also proposed that deleting the sentence, "Students will not be allowed to accelerate English classes" to add clarity to the policy, emphasizing that a student must take one English class per year while enrolled. It was also discussed that "Department chairs and principal may approve substitute classes for requirement" be added to increase flexibility and council members agreed that would be a good addition. Ms. Hendrix said she would bring back the revised policy for another read at next month's regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Revisit Band as a PE Credit**

- Ms. Hendrix shared that she still feels that offering band as a possible PE credit is a viable option. Council discussed points made at the last meeting as to why some SBDM members were not supportive of allowing band to count for this, including consideration of core content standards, potentially allowing other activities/sports to count for the state standard, number of students affected, etc. Following discussion from all perspectives, the proposal was not approved.
- **Daily Schedule Review**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared two examples of schools who have successfully implemented intervention periods into their daily schedules. She also shared that interested SBDM members could visit these schools, and recognized L. Benton to speak to her experience as a former teacher in one of those schools that implemented the program. She shared the benefits to students that she experienced, specifically the ability to address closing gaps in learning, offering more information in guidance and advisement, and the ability to “name and claim” students and work with them all four years.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CSIP Review/Approve**
 - Ms. Hendrix shared a portion of the proposed CSIP for next school year and council reviewed. Members agreed to approve the presented sections of the CSIP: school safety, needs assessment, and equitable access portions.
- **Adjournment**
 - K. Hendrix made a motion to adjourn. E. Schowalter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lafon Benton