

**Spring Branch Middle-043**  
**CIT Meeting**  
**October 19, 2022**

**Minutes**

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Members Present:	Jennifer Taylor, Joan Evans, Maya Franchi, Ashleigh Garrett, Charlene Ibanez, Lisa Ortega, Kim Ross
Members Absent:	Kayley Hickman, Andrea Feruzzo
Meeting was called to order by:	Catherine Pavone, Building Principal

**Celebrating 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are being celebrated for ethical service minded award for being the cleanest cafeteria during lunch. They will have a day outside during BPT on Friday. Ms. Ross likes that students get some free time just like a recess. Ms. Pavone did not want to provide snacks such as a popsicle due to possible allergies or health issues.

Always thinking about celebrating teachers, maybe teachers nominating teachers. Maybe we could do teacher of the month or teacher of the 9-weeks. Pavone will bring up to the DC to find out their thoughts. Taylor mentioned that any positiveness is great.

Going into the Award ceremony, members suggested not to pin the ribbons because students play with the needle.

**Digital Hall Pass**

Instead of students getting a piece of paper, they can use their device. Ms. Pavone explained the basics. There is a question about devices and what teacher would have to do. Ms. Ibanez asked how much it would be. Pavone said we can use ESSER this year. She thinks it might be like \$1500. Members had question about a free trail or pilot. SWHS is using it and they love it. We can try to pilot it in January.

## **Bell Schedule**

Next year, the district is looking into unifying the bell schedule for all middle schools. There are different drafts right and some are like what we have right now. Another one has 10 minutes added to the day. Another one is a straight 8<sup>th</sup> period class. Right now, we are debating at pros and cons. If we have an 8<sup>th</sup> period, we could have intervention built-in, and students would still be able to have their electives. Evans asked if teachers would have to teach 7<sup>th</sup> periods a day and that would be exhausting. Pavone said that, core teachers would have 2 conference periods. However, this is just one iteration. Only block would be ELA. A study hall can also be an option for the elective. Some MS are able to have the 2 periods.

## **Celebrations and redirection with students**

Assemblies are being done per grade level. We celebrate our students especially about tardies. During assembly we talked about fights and possible consequences, including misuse of technology. We also talk to students about to resolve conflicts.

## **Campus Improvement Plan/Budget**

We have been adjusting some funding. We had to lower the staff salary lines and increasing the counseling staff lines. Would you all have approved of that? All members said yes.

## **Staffing Update**

- A math teacher left last Friday, she couldn't take a leave of absence and had to leave the country. Mrs. Stallworth will start subbing next Monday Oct. 24.
- Ms. Pavone's new administrative assistant started today. Her name is Katha Valigura. We have somebody from district have been helping with budget.

## **Questions/Comments**

Cheer: Ms. Ortega asked a question about to bring cheer leaders into middle schools. There is no cheering in any of our middle schools.

Pep Rally: Could we do a pep rally before an important game.

Recapture: Ms. Ibanez spoke about recapture and what else we could do because staff will be cut. We have more ED percentage than Katy and CyFair and we pay more in recapturing than them.

Custodial issues: we are down to 3. We have the Family Work Day Oct. 29 is to help out with doing extra things that our 3 custodians can't do like wiping down tables, etc.