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## YWCPA\_Q2\_Minutes

Friday, Nov.7, 2025, the Shared Decision-Making Committee of Young Women's College Preparatory Academy convened for the second meeting of the school year. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

During the meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- I. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. Dr. Davis opens the meeting thanking everyone for attending.
  - b. Dr. Davis made sure everyone could see her screen.
  - c. Did a brief run through of the agenda items to be covered.
  
- II. Instructional Priority
  - a. Writing is an instructional priority for us across the campus, regardless of content area. Example: She writes in dance class, Science class, Math class, and Social Studies class.
  - b. This is important because writing is a cross curricular skill, and we know that students who can articulate their thoughts in writing are able to demonstrate what they've learned and what they've mastered.
  - c. This is something that students are tested on each year, of course beginning in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for reading all the way through tenth grade with English 2 and then for us to continue in eleventh grade with AP English Language and in twelfth grade with AP English Literature.
  - d. So, reading and writing mastery is essential. Some of the main things we look for are that the writing is in complete sentences with correct grammar and punctuation.
  - e. If there is a question that's based on a passage, poem, word problem or other text that the student is using text evidence to support her answer in her writing.
  
- III. College Readiness Updates
  - a. The Class of 2026 to date have started over eight hundred college applications. Out of those eight hundred, five hundred and forty-seven have been completed. So, we have submitted five hundred and forty-seven applications.
  - b. Mrs. Rodriguez has received thirty-seven acceptance letters for our seniors, but acceptance letters are coming in all the time for the girls.
  - c. The Class of 2026 earned over \$800,000.00 in merit dollar scholarships and that number is still climbing.
  - d. 80% of our seniors have completed their FAFSA applications. We have 20% of them in progress, which is about ten students who have not fully completed their FAFSA. The

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- remaining students are waiting for their parents to complete their portions of the FAFSA application. Hopefully by the weekend we will be at 100%.
- e. Ms. Rodriguez received PSAT results for 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade. For 9<sup>th</sup> grade 32 students scored over 900 points on their PSAT, which is a great start. We have three years to increase their scores.
  - f. Ms. Rodriguez will come up with plans to make them keep practicing so that we can increase their scores by 100 to 200 points each year.
  - g. 10<sup>th</sup> grader, we had 13 students with a score over 1000. Our 11<sup>th</sup> graders, we had 33 students score over 1000. And out of those 33 students we had three students to score over 1300, which is great.
  - h. We would like to increase those numbers so that we can eventually have students qualify for the National Merit scholarship.
  - i. Seniors who have not passed the TSI, will test again this month.

#### IV. Child Find

- a. As educators in public schools in the state of Texas, we have a duty to identify any student who may need additional academic support and resources. So as educators, if we notice that a student is chronically struggling in any content area, the teacher may make a referral.
- b. Parents also have the ability to make a referral if you think that your child is experiencing difficulty that warrants additional support via the 504 program or under the special education umbrella.
- c. If there is still additional need, we will make the referral and send the notification to the parent for consent so that we can evaluate and look at what resources may be helpful.

#### V. Campus Culture

- a. BJ O'Neal is the Discipline Coordinator for the Central Division in HISD and he actually complimented our campus. He shared that our school, of course, is one of the bright spots.
- b. He referred to our campus as a sanctuary. That's incredible!
- c. YWCPA don't have the concerns that are at over campus. So it's a blessing that we've been able to create and nurture and support our students in having a positive campus culture and their interactions with one another and their respect for the adults on this campus. Kudos to our girls!

#### VI. Free Time

- a. If students say they have free time, please explore the resources that are on the screen (Delta Math, Khan Academy)
- b. Summer camps like at Texas Southern (YMCA), Piano Lessons, Sports



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- c. These things support students in critical thinking and agility and the ability to solve problems and work with others in a team setting.

#### VII. Look Ahead

- a. Final Exam will take place during the last week of the semester, which is December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b. This is our third year not having early dismissal for final exams.
- c. Students will remain in classes all day.
- d. Students will only test in two subjects per day, because we don't want to overwhelm them or burn them out. So those testing periods will be two hours instead of 90 minutes.
- e. We come back in January, to kick off the new calendar year with NWEA map middle of the year assessments.
- f. January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, middle schoolers will take math, reading, and science assessments.
- g. About a week and a half later, January 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, our high schoolers who are in Biology or Geometry will take map assessments for those subjects.
- h. The next SDMC meeting will be in February, so stay tuned for the date.

#### VIII. Opening Forum- Q&A

- a. Mrs. Miller mentioned that she had just started recruiting for next year and asked the parents to spread the word.
- b. Dr. Davis mentioned that the school relies on word of mouth and parent engagement to help get the word out about all the great things that we offer here that students won't find anywhere else in HISD. No tuition and no additional fees or cost to the family.
- c. Ms. Douglas asked about the next PTO meeting date.

#### IX. Closing Remarks

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:56 p.m.

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