

SHARED DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE (SDMC) MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 30th, 2026

Location: Westside High School

Facilitator: Principal Davis

Attendees: Principal Davis, Dean TJ, Dean Rioux, Mr. Mapp (Teacher), Ms. Conner-Davis (Teacher), Coach Harrison (Teacher), Ms. Doan (Support Staff), Ms. Brewster (Parent), Mr. Smith (Parent).

1. Enrollment & Budget

- Current year enrollment fell below projections by ~166 students, resulting in an estimated \$838,000 budget shortfall.
 - Projected enrollment for 2026–2027: 2,286 students.
 - District trend shows declining enrollment due to:
 - Increase in charter and virtual school options
 - Families relocating
 - Lower birth rates
 - Budget allocations are based on projections; staffing adjustments are being made accordingly.
 - Concern expressed about long-term impact on staffing, programs, and campus classification.
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2. Attendance

- Current average daily attendance is below 90%.
 - STAAR testing attendance significantly higher (97–99%), showing strong targeted engagement.
 - Strategies used:
 - Pep rallies and student celebrations
 - Staff-led incentives and encouragement
 - Focus moving forward: stabilize and improve daily attendance.
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3. Academic Performance & STAAR

- Campus goal: Achieve an “A” rating.
- Strong emphasis on STAAR preparation and student motivation.
- Increased leadership presence in classrooms through walkthroughs and coaching.

- Staff recognized for going above and beyond to support students during testing.
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4. Instruction & Campus Action Plan

- Campus Action Plan drives:
 - Instructional practices
 - Operational decisions
 - Budget priorities
 - Goal: 80%+ of teachers performing at proficient or higher.
 - Ongoing classroom observations and feedback cycles.
 - District instructional reviews (IRT):
 - Growth from ~11.4 to 14.7 over the year.
 - Observations are unannounced, requiring consistent readiness.
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5. Academic Focus Areas

- Continued emphasis on writing across all content areas.
 - Ongoing coaching and monitoring to improve instructional quality.
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6. CCMR & Accountability

- Previous CCMR: ~95%.
 - Goal: Maintain/improve CCMR to offset attendance challenges.
 - Accountability ratings include prior-year data (lag indicators).
 - Final ratings expected Fall 2026.
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7. School Culture & Student Engagement

- Increased focus on building positive school culture:
 - Multiple pep rallies and celebrations

- Student motivation initiatives
 - Plans to increase alumni and community involvement, including mentorship opportunities.
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8. Programs & Extracurricular Activities

- Concerns about declining participation in programs such as band and fine arts.
 - Challenges include:
 - Fewer students entering with prior experience
 - Competition from other schools and programs
 - Continued effort to sustain programs despite enrollment challenges.
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9. Community Outreach & Recruitment

- Active engagement with feeder schools:
 - Hosting middle school events and ceremonies
 - Emphasis on:
 - Strengthening school reputation
 - Leveraging teacher quality and student experience to attract families
 - Recognition that word-of-mouth is a key recruitment tool.
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10. Upcoming Events

- Senior Alumni Event: May 21
 - Graduation: June 6 at Fertitta Center
 - Ticket limitations (8 per student) due to venue capacity
 - Senior activities (walks, field trips) require district approval.
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11. Attendance Policy Clarification

- Existing policy: Excessive absences may result in loss of credit (NG).
- Block schedule increases impact of absences.

- Excused absences (medical, bereavement) are not penalized.
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12. Key Discussion Points

- Enrollment decline and financial implications
 - Attendance challenges
 - Sustainability of programs
 - Importance of community trust and engagement
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13. Adjournment

- Meeting concluded with a focus on maintaining high expectations, improving student outcomes, and continuing campus improvement efforts.