

William T. Dwyer High School
School Advisory Council
September 20, 2023

1. Call to Order
 - a. Time: 6:08 pm
2. Welcome, Pledge, and Introductions
3. Budget Update
 - a. Currently \$\$15,683.32
4. Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes
 - i. Motion- R. Carr
 - ii. Second- A. Desuza
 - b. Chair vote- Rhoda Y. Young
 - i. Motion- Thompson
 - ii. Second- Wilkes
 - c. Secretary- Eric Schlossberg
 - i. Motion- Brooks
 - ii. Second- Powell
 - iii. SAC voting members voted to approve Eric Schlossberg as the SAC Secretary SY22-SY23
 - d. Review of School Improvement Plan
 - i. Benefits of AICE level courses, and comparing Scores SY22 and SY23 to SY19, with concentration on AICE General Paper. Discussed action steps to make improvements and their success. Putting the right teachers in place to teach the classes had a positive effect. Some discussion on open access to these courses will have an effect on overall scores.
 1. We aren't just looking for high scores, the students need to be successful post high school.
 - ii. Adjustments to AICE Lit including teacher collaborations have been implemented this year to improve performance.
 - iii. AICE Psychology program has grown severely and created a need for more teachers to help teach it to support the progression of the next course in the program.
 - iv. Efforts being taken to work with students to mitigate any disconnect post covid to meet the college course level of AICE and AP courses.
 - v. Clarification on the different levels of AICE and what the Letters meant in terms of identifying them. Cambridge doesn't allow a gap year, so the

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sections should be taken consecutively. State Colleges require the A level to get the FCLE. Concentration on test taking requirements and access to A level courses discussed. In that if a student answers the wrong questions on a test, they will pass, but may not be eligible for the A level course.

- vi. AP scores are normally lower than AICE scores due to the higher level of rigor on AP exams. AICE courses are a more obtainable track for the Bright Futures Scholarship.
 - vii. We surpassed global averages in AP Lit
 - viii. Professional Development in the next few weeks for AP teachers to train to assist their students towards higher achievement
 - ix. Pre-AICE Math is the equivalent to Algebra 2, which in addition of AICE preparedness it helps students with the SAT and ACT performance
- e. Vote on SIP
- i. Voting members of SAC voted to approve the SIP for the 2023-2024 SY

5. New Business

- a. Funding Requests
 - i. Ms. Nicols- Edulastic (\$125)
 - 1. SAC members voted to fund this request
 - ii. Paul Wojciechowsky IXL (\$9000) to help the lower 25% for math and literacy
 - 1. SAC members voted to fund this request
- b. Vote: Update Bylaws meeting date from the 3rd Tuesday of month to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
 - i. Motion:
 - ii. Second:

Old BUbusiness-

- a. Motion to adjust the bylaws of SAC to meet on Wednesdays opposed to Thursdays made by Doug Kennedy, seconded by Thomas Kilkenny.
 - i. Amendment was passed by SAC vote.

6. School Happenings and Events (see attachment)

- a. 5K Run and Walk needs more publicity and support
 - i. Athletic team with the highest attendance will get a pizza party after practice, but looking to see if school clubs and organizations could be included. Cotton Candy and Snow Cones can be added to the incentives.

7. School Leadership Report

- a. Great comments on Open House
- b. School Choice, lets attract great students

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- c. School tours are open, let's welcome them in and let them know about our school and culture
- d. Test scores count, and sometimes its test overload, we need to encourage the students, make sure they are prepared to test. Examples of test readiness are a charged laptop, good night sleep, and taking the tests seriously. Students should achieve their full potential. Teachers should consider using incentives for students to try their best on these exams.

8. School Safety Update

- a. Working hard to properly hire new teachers to improve the adult to student ratio.
- b. Working with code red drills and proper use of the badges to alert the school versus the police department
- c. Visiting District personnel have use of the Centrix security cards which can start a code red if they use it
- d. Email an Assistant Principal if parents hear outlandish information about happenings in school.

9. Closing Remarks

10. Q & A - n/a

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn-Doug Kennedy
 - i. First: genie Takeda
 - ii. Second:
 - iii. Time:

Future SAC Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, August 23	Wednesday, January 17
Wednesday, September 20	Wednesday, February 21
Wednesday, October 18	Wednesday, March 20
Wednesday, November 15	Wednesday, April 17
Wednesday, December 20	Wednesday, May 15

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