

EHS SAC Meeting February 19, 2015

School Advisory Council, Eastside High School

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In attendance were: Principal Jeff Charbonnet, Cmdr. Hickmon, S. Scrivener, D. Payne, S. Walker, Dr. Rentz, M. Zelaya, C. Antony, Dr. Smith, D. Cane, A. Turnage

Dr. Rentz was elected acting chair in the absence of the chair and vice chair. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by acting chair Dr. Rentz

The minutes of the January meeting were approved and seconded.

Mr. Charbonnet presented data on the block schedule and the positive impact on credits earned, passing rate on Alg I EOC, gains in math scores, overall graduation rate, and at-risk graduation rate. The faculty voted 31-8 in favor of keeping the block schedule. Mr. Charbonnet asked the SAC to vote on a waiver to the collective bargaining agreement in order to keep the block schedule in place for the ninth grade major program. Dr. Rentz asked for a vote and the SAC unanimously approved the request for the waiver. Dr. Smith commented on the impressive results of the block schedule.

APC Adele Turnage presented information on the schedule for FSA, EOC, FCAT Retakes , and PERT, and the impact the amount of computer based testing has on the school as a whole: use of computer labs for testing and preparation for testing, loss of instructional time, inability for other classes to use the computer labs during the months of March, April and May. Ms. Turnage also shared the staff's concerns with the District developed end of course exams for all other courses (inaccuracies, use of these tests in VA M scores, punitive results for students)

Ms. Payne will develop a resolution on behalf of the SAC detailing the SAC's concerns regarding the amount of testing required of students and how the results will be used. The resolution can then be shared with the community and local and state representatives. She will share that resolution via email with all SAC members.

Mr. Cane asked for ways that the community and parents could assist with testing to relieve the burdens on teachers and staff and provide support for students. Mrs. Walker will follow up with the guidance department to come up with ways for parent/community involvement.

Dr. Rentz also volunteered to provide assistance as a certified teacher. In addition, Dr. Rentz reported that the EHS Class of 1990 will be holding their reunion and members of the class will be visiting classes on Feb. 27. The members are interested in learning about EHS's current activities as well as needs.

The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.