

Crockett High School CAC Meeting
October 10, 2017 – 5:30-7 pm
Crockett High School Library

Attendees: Shannon Davis, Kara Messer, Ben Broddle, Kori Crawford, LaSabra Moore, Brenda Flores-Dollar, Jeff Carroll, Alicia Jimenez-Garcia, David Dupont, Cristina Coro, Patrick Sarb – Community Member, LeAnne Villegas - Student

Welcome, Call to Order – 5:38 pm – Ben Broddle

Training video – none

Minutes from Sept. 12th approved next time. Copy minutes to Roger Morgan monthly so he can post online.

Citizen's communication:

- Consideration for a new advanced art course at Crockett, named as a R100 course
 - Application process through the middle school
 - On the choice sheet for incoming 9th graders
 - Names given to Nancy or Tai Choice – put into the course code
 - Pre-AP art as label since we also have AP art, through the district of innovation office. Katy Escandell as the contact in the office of Teaching and Learning.
 - Can talk to Ms. Burbank about how this works for theatre also, for ideas of prerequisite flow.
- New community member and AVID student came today; through Sharon, a business member (BBD Compass Bank) is very interested.
- Crockett's varsity theatre is presenting Annie Jr. this Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Kids 3 and under are free. Very kid-friendly show.
- If you know any seniors in high school, pass the word – free FAFSA workshop this Saturday, October 14th, Spanish translation available, financial aid experts, in the Crockett library: collegeinsight.com to register for event. 8a-12p. On this website, throughout the month of October, can find other registration sites also.
- TexAnn Rummage sale this Saturday, pass the word.
- 500 hotspots from Sprint donated to AISD – out of free and reduced recipients, those who don't have Internet at the home, 47 hotspots specifically assigned for Crockett. Like to start with freshmen and sophomores. Students need to come through Ms. Crawford. Perhaps first come, first serve.

Report

- Build-a-Sign – students, teachers, staff all came and did a lot of amazing volunteer work around Crockett. The courtyard was cleaned, painting done, trimming, raking, bottom

of the Cougar Cage refreshed. Painted paneling in front office. Book rooms cleaned out. Big thanks to those who came and participated.

- Need the approving of the CIP by the 27th of October. 2 areas of focus:
 - Attendance
 - 94.3% for the 2016-2017 school year, quartile 3
 - Distinguished in social studies
 - 95 attendance, will get into quartile one, get more distinctions
 - 93.2% for TEA. Goal is 92%, including other alternative campuses. Want to stay closer to 95% rate.
 - Habitual non-attenders
 - Increased mental health issues
 - Don't have daytime curfew anymore. Night soon also.
 - Desire to decriminalize students or early criminal record for students.
 - Complaints from City of Austin related to kids at Garrison Park
 - Attendance went down from last year. 2 years in a row. Below 92% in past 2 weeks. ACC students not included in this list.
 - Across the board, high schools and with our vertical team this is true. Want to celebrate the successes. 2019 cohort had a pizza party.
 - Brainstorming within CAC to consider options to improve attendance.
 - Why does attendance matter? It's not really about money for them being there or the kids jump on that and feel lack of concern. Hard to spend money on incentives to keep them coming. Need to get them donated.
 - Del Valle Middle School – focusing on behavior. End of each semester – behavior tickets go toward a drawing of 10 names. Been able to get 2 bikes or Xbox 1 game station donated, basketballs, etc.
 - Give out 10 prizes. Perfect attendance for 3 out of 4 six weeks or per semester goes in drawing. Behavior, perfect attendance, most improved attendance. Pep rally with everyone. Peer pressure. Kara Messer can get these donations.
 - How can the importance of attendance be communicated in an effective manner?
 - Peer-to-peer. Have students text friends on their cell phones (*Where are you? Ms. Jimenez said to contact you.*). Establish student-to-teacher relationship and student-to-student.
 - Lessons need applicability to real life of the students. Group activities, relied on each other. In department decided on curriculum.

- *What is the message now about attendance?* If you don't come to school, you're not going to pass high school. Could be related more to futures - affects college scholarships, instead of planning on just working in a fast food place.
- Mentor group – people who will commit to walk beside the freshmen, sophomores. Like 'My Brother's Keeper' at Travis. Big Brother, Big Sister. Ex-skippers.
- Communicating values – 'You are a valuable contribution to the Crockett community.'
 - Incentives, messaging, mentor program are three workable programs for improving attendance.
 - David DuPont for Senior to Freshman mentoring
 - Ben Broddle is offering AVID students, current and recent graduates
 - Brenda and Kara can work on donations for the end of the semester. For the next six weeks, could get smaller things. Pizza, ice cream parties, ear buds, etc., Google Play store, food gift cards, school supplies, iTunes cards. Final exams skipped from good attendance?
 - Skip school pass, fun day, food-ish. Is a school activity, supervised, but freedom.
 - Brenda, Patrick will work on ads for messaging.
 - Student council members?
 - Crawford has a ton of data.
 - Would love to get some of these donations by 11/3. Next 6 weeks: 11/4 through Dec. 19th.
 - Family and community involvement needs help
 - Need a brainstorming session, like a mini CAC meeting, for the CIP by the 27th of October. We'll have it on the 24th at 5p in the library.
- SBG policy – Our School->Grading and Attendance ->Standards Based Grading
 - 1 grade per week is not happening, neither last year nor this year. In handbook one grade per week is the standard. Is a reasonable expectation but not always possible due to uncontrolled human events.
- Rollout of new Chromebooks to students will happen in January – my.austinisd.org/apps/Devices/consent.jsp.
- School Bond is November 7th

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th in the Crockett library at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.