

Welcome and Introductions

Dwayne welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

The November 15, 2023, minutes were approved and seconded as amended.

Preview the Meeting Design – Dwayne Schmitz

Dwayne previewed the meeting design for the Student Connection Survey, designed for students, with subsections for different grade levels. Dayna emphasized the importance of connections in the school district beyond academics in this discussion. She highlighted the strong correlation between attendance, connections, and students' performance. The survey aims to capture long-term trends by including timeless questions.

Dayna mentioned collaboration with the Project Aware team to update the survey questions to address current needs. The newly added items are primarily yes/no questions with distinctions for middle school (MSHS) and elementary school (ES). The survey is available in Spanish, and Dayna explained the decision to remove the Mandarin version to encourage participation. Translation assistance is offered to students needing it, with the goal of reducing factors influencing responses.

The focus areas of the survey include student-to-adult connections, student-to-student connections, student interests (in and out of school), and connections to future plans. Dayna discussed specific sections of the student connection survey, focusing on questions related to graduation, future plans, and student safety. She explains that the survey

successful programs like Junior ROTC, behavioral science, and PTech, highlighting the positive impact of ownership and choice in students' educational experiences.

Dwayne introduced the proposed graduation requirements, emphasizing the flexibility it will provide students to choose diverse pathways based on their interests. He mentioned the creation of district-wide plans for various educational pathways, allowing students and parents to plan their courses strategically. He highlighted the benefits of early exploration, enabling students to discover their interests and make informed decisions about their educational and career paths. He emphasized the goal of graduating students with options, including degrees, certifications, and various career paths. The presentation also touched on the role of counselors in guiding students through these pathways.

Dwayne discussed parents' reactions to the new approach of considering college readiness from the beginning of high school. D5 Tw002B01TfC Td()Tj Tw 3.69 Td()Tj-0.001 Tc 0401 Tw ()j-0.005 Tc 0.