

TMECHS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2019

3:12 P.M. Welcome introductions and roll call

3:14 P.M. Regarding early graduates, a meeting was hosted at TMECHS to ensure that these candidates understood the responsibilities of being an early graduate. Among these, the issue of picking up a textbook on time for the summer chemistry course was addressed and students signed a contract stating that they realized that if they did not pick up these books, they would be dropped from the course. This contract will be sent to EPCC, and once students transition into early graduates, their attendance at UTEP is monitored through the swipe system. Issues with summer bridge fund for transportation were also addressed and as such, out of district and in district incoming freshman will have transportation to attend the summer bridge program that ensures that 70% of students pass the reading TSI, allowing them to enroll in DC Biology.

3:32 P.M. TMECHS is expecting a 100% high school graduation rate. The expected college graduation number will be determined on March 25th upon a meeting with Ms. Monroy and Ms. Maguire at which they will discuss the graduation of seniors with an Associate of Science and an Associate of Arts.

3:38 P.M. TMECHS had a successful recruitment season in visiting middle schools and giving presentations to students. TMECHS also hosted a Muffin Morning in which middle school counselors were present to obtain information about the campus. This event was not highly attended despite involving the counselors and principals in invitations, and as such, reaching out to students is the most effective method of recruitment. TMECHS has currently accepted 130 students from the lottery process, but the duplications of acceptances of some students may cause this number to fluctuate. New student orientation will be held on April 27th (and will address all the EPCC information and processes necessary) and students will be near finalization of registration after this point.

3:47 P.M. The next TEA Coach visit will be on April 17th and will be in combination with the TMECHS Advisory Board Meeting in order to reduce meetings overall. The time will be divided between two hours per meeting.

3:50 P.M. ECHS Re-designation application has been submitted to TEA, and the co-branding and webpage requirements in such has been enforced. All current TMECHS materials now support the EPCC logo as do all forms and information given out to parents or on our website.

3:52 P.M. TMECHS Blue Ribbon award will be promoted and addressed for 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, at-risk students, and those passing the TSI at a later date will lead to a greater rigor level sophomore year when entering into EPCC courses. TMECHS will provide support and resources needed to help these students succeed.

3:55 P.M. TMECHS STEAM Festival will be hosted on April 12th and will be open to the public. The theme this year revolves around Saturn. The promotion of STEM fields will be done on April 11th as students will be reaching out to elementary schools and giving presentations

regarding the project. Food trucks for this event have been approved and emailed paperwork will be filed.

4:10 P.M. EPCC has received the dates for mandated testing and as AP Exams. Per EPCC policy, professors are only required to have an available make-up exams to students who will be missing classes for these dates. The make-up exams may not be more rigorous than the original exam. Further decisions regarding flexibility of test days with EPCC will be addressed at a later time.

4:21 P.M. The Schedule for EPCC courses may be a problem area because EPCC is combining courses, so the availability may change due to this, and may conflict with student schedules at TMECHS. TMECHS will receive the new EPCC schedule for Fall 2019 around March 25th such that TMECHS may plan students accordingly.





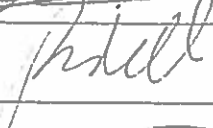





4:30 P.M. The Summer EPISD program participants will receive temporary parking permits and portable usage has been made available. TMECHS will need to send Mr. Webb two-summer usage events paperwork in order to ensure this clarity. The restroom facility has been approved by Dr. Serrata and a second science lab design has also been approved.

4:37 P.M. TMECHS sign was damaged in the wind and will need to be replaced. Dean Webb asked for an email to be sent to Laura Garcia to create a work-order.

4:42 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

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