

AHMS SDMC MEETING
April 26, 2016
Minutes

The AHMS SDMC met on April 26, 2016. The original meeting scheduled for April 18, 2016 did not happen due to flooding in the Houston area resulting in all HISD facilities being closed. The primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss possible Waivers from Board Policy which must receive approval from the SDMC.

Ms. Hampton explained that the only waiver Hamilton Middle School currently had was that the SDMC would serve as the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC). The committee asked Ms. Hampton to clarify what this meant. Ms. Hampton said that the SDMC would serve as the sounding board for the staff to bring up suggestions and concerns and advise campus administration including the principal on possible resolutions for concerns. The proposed waiver allowed the SDMC to serve in the capacity. Ms. Ochoa mentioned that the faculty really needed to know more what the SDMC was for. Ms. Hampton agreed and asked the committee to reach out to their peers for items they would like to see brought before the committee. The committee unanimously voted to approve this waiver.

Ms. Hampton also presented the committee with another waiver for consideration. This waiver would allow students to be exempt for the Tech Apps requirement in middle school provided that the TEKS were covered in the content areas. The committee did not feel comfortable approving this waiver at this time without more knowledge of what the TEKS were and what would be required of them. The committee voted not to send this waiver for consideration.

Finally, Ms. Hampton explained that we would discuss the final items which need feedback from the faculty in the May meeting. The May meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2016. The committee was concerned that this date would not work well as it is the just a few days before the last day of school. The committee decided to change the May meeting to May 2, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned.