

AHMS SDMC MEETING  
May 2, 2016  
Minutes

The AHMS SDMC met on May 2, 2016. The primary purpose of this meeting was to receive feedback on items from the March Meeting to assist with planning and decision making for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ms. Hampton asked for feedback on the proposed bell schedules for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Valentine, 6<sup>th</sup> grade English Teacher, stated that sixth grade would like to see flex moved to the end of the day. She stated that teachers liked it when it was moved to the end of the day for dances etc. because those events did not interfere with instructional time. She added that it would save instructional time for students that need to leave early for sports which is a year round issue. She also said they realized it may cause more problems with students trying to leave early or skip class. Other members agreed that they liked it when flex was at the end of the day for extra-curricular activities such as dances.

Feedback was also requested on the student handbook. Ms. Valentine stated that the sixth grade disagreed with the policy on tattoos stating that students should not be allowed to have them. They also agree with the current policy on hair of an unnatural color in that it should not be allowed. Ms. Hampton asked for suggestions on enforcing this. The suggestions were that the students go to ISS until it was the right color or wear a wig. No other members of the committee received feedback.

There was discussion regarding the cell phone policy. The consensus was that teachers should have the discretion to allow students to use them for educational purposes in the classroom. However, they agreed that students having them all day has been problematic. The committee agreed that the administration and Foundations Committee could explore further options with how this system could be revised.

The committee expressed no concerns over the current grading policy.

The final matter to be discussed was the front gate to the teacher parking lot. The proposal has been to change the gate to an electronic gate which would ensure that the campus is better secured and would had four additional visitor parking spaces, but would result in the loss of 6 spaces in the teacher parking lot. Ms. Valentine presented an email from Mr. Palladino with an alternate suggestion. She stated that teachers were concerned about losing the parking spaces but also understood the need for more visitor parking. Ms. Hampton stated that currently there was not enough budget or time remaining in this year to proceed. She said the issue could be re-visited after final budget conferences for the 2016-2017 school year next fall.

The meeting was adjourned.