

SDMC Meeting

February 16, 2016

- I. Welcome, Sharing and Recognition
 - a. Mr. Lira shared that he Mr. Montanez, Mr. Vogt and Ms. Luterman attended a training by Lead Forward that was eye opening as it discussed the transfer of learning to everyday life and that the focus of PLC's should be to meet those needs.
 - b. Several teachers are attending the TCEA (technology) conference. Those teachers will present their learning through PLCs and during Pre-service learning for 2016-2017 as we continue to build AHMS into a middle school that is the leader in technology integration and global learning.
- II. Curriculum and Instruction
 - a. Master Schedule Updates: Ms. McDaniel Ms. Smith, Mr. Rodriguez all visited Burbank Middle School to get feedback on their implantation of the 5 period day. Their purpose/need for the 5 period day was different than that of Hamilton. They used it to double block all tested subjects. This did not provide additional elective opportunities for students nor did it lower class sizes as each cluster continued with 6 homerooms. Ms. Hampton is still working to secure visits to Pershing and/or Johnston that also implement a 5 period day. Additionally she is working to have a sample 5 period schedule and 4 period schedule for the next SDMC meeting.

With the 4 period day there would not be any split clusters although 7th and 8th grade would have some cross-clustering. Because of possible budget constraints there is not currently a possibility to add additional staff.
 - b. Professional Development (2016-2017)
 - i. Based on requests and feedback from staff, Ms. Hampton is trying to secure someone that provides the 6 hours required update training for GT for pre-service.
 - ii. Ms. Hampton is also holding a Leader's Retreat planned for a Friday/Saturday in June after all STAAR data comes in.
- III. Principal Report
 - a. There is currently no certainty of how much budget cuts will be. The worst case scenario is \$275 per student. This is because of the state funding formulation in which the Houston Independent School district has to return money to the state because it is considered to be a property rich district.
 - b. Staffing Update: Currently there is a long term sub in Ms. Hale's class. Mr. Ballard has taken his history certification test and is in an alternative certification program. The current speech vacancy will be filled by Mr. Timmon's who has been Ms. Law's long term sub. term sub.

- IV. Safety and Security: Electronic locks have been installed. Currently we are waiting on the back fence to be installed.
- V. Community and Calendar
 - a. February 23 is math and science night.
 - b. The Vision Meeting had students, parents, staff, and community members in attendance. The focus on what the future of Hamilton should look like and what it would take for Hamilton to be the school of choice for the Heights. Currently 59% of students are here on a transfer.
 - c. There is a PTO meeting today in the library at 6:00 p.m.
- VI. Other

Ms. Hampton will ask the SDMC to consider changes to the student code of conduct. Two things that she will ask them to consider at the current policy for electronic devices and dress code. Cellphones and other devices: Talked to Pin Oak and Lanier. Students leave devices at home or in their lockers unless teachers indicate they need them.

While she believes that it is important to remain a BYOD campus as many teachers have students use their devices for instructional purposes, there need to be clearer guidelines set forth for visibility of items when they are not in use in the classroom.

Additionally, our code of conduct states that students must have hair of a natural color. While the intent of this is understood, the current fashion for all ages is to have multi-colored hair that is not of a natural color. She would like the committee to determine if this might be an out of date rule that needs to be revised.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 22nd