

# Alexander Hamilton Middle School

December 12, 2016

## SDMC Minutes

Welcome, Sharing, Recognition

Mr. Montanez facilitated the meeting as Ms. Hampton was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts. It was recognized that we currently had 833 Vanguard Magnet Applications which is an increase for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The girls volley ball team was awarded \$5,000 worth of equipment from Proctor and Gamble. Hamilton was the only school in the state of Texas to receive this recognition. The Heights Association awarded Hamilton with a grant for \$2,000 to go towards the purchase of band instruments. The AHMS PTO also donated \$10,000 for the purchase of Mac Computers for the graphics design class. The girls' basketball team recently won first place in the HISD tournament and remain undefeated.

There were two items that were discussed in the October meeting that needed the SDMC members to gather information and provide feedback. These items were use of lockers for 2017-2018 and the dress code, specifically the allowance of hoodies, for 2017-2018.

**Lockers:** It was presented the discussion about lockers was due to noise, hallway traffic, and the effect on students being late to class. Mr. Vogt, teacher, said many of the science teachers prefer to keep lockers because they do have textbooks. It was stated that if we did not have lockers, the rule for clear back packs would need to be more strictly enforced, and advantage was that it would create less time in the hallway for students. Ms. Shield, parent, asked if there was a way to regulate time in locker. The discussion continued around the concern of students bringing all of their items to class in a backpack while our classrooms are so small. This discussion was tabled for a later date.

**Hoodies:** This was brought up at the previous meeting regarding students hiding things in the pocket of their hoodies. The question is around not so much the hoodies, but the pockets on the front of the hoodies. It was already pointed out at the previous meeting that there is not a hoody that comes without a pocket. The discussion moved from hoodies to dress code in general and all agreed that we need to keep a dress code for the coming school year.

**Flex:** The SDMC was asked how flex was working at the end of the day. 6<sup>th</sup> grade says that it is a problem because students are coming from PE and that there is lack of focus for students at the end of the day. The pros were that assemblies and dances do not interfere with academics.

**PTO Updates:** None at this time

**Safety and Security:** Students have been using the stairwell behind the school that leads to the cafeteria to get on the roof to get basketballs. The stairwell that leads from outside to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by room 226 and the one from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor by 200 have been found unlocked. Mr. Montanez will follow up with maintenance staff on ensuring they double check all exterior doors.

#### Discussed From Last Meeting

- Use of Lockers; SDMC to provide feedback
- Dress Code: Hoodies; SDMC to provide feedback

2016-2017: Any proposed changes

Safety and Security

PTO Updates

Safety and Security

Community Calendar

- December 13; faculty meeting
- December 15: Coffee with the Principal

#### V. Questions and Concerns