

# Alexander Hamilton Middle School

March 21, 2017

## SDMC Agenda

### Welcome, Sharing, Recognition

Ms. Hampton opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. for sharing and recognition

### 2017 – 2018 School Year

**Master Schedule for 2017 – 2018:** In previous SDMC meetings Ms. Hampton asked members to get feedback from their peers regarding the master schedule and how the clusters were designed. Requests have been made for all teachers to teach all student groups. The current design is that every cluster has a minimum of two Vanguard groups and three to four on-level academic classes with a mix of either English Language Learners or students receiving special education services. Teachers that had special education services that received either in-class support or co-teach requested the change. Ms. Hampton asked the committee for a final recommendation on this issue.

**Recommendation:** The committee made no official recommendation as it was split on the feedback provided. The majority of the committee members stated they would prefer to leave the cluster make-up like it was. Approximately 1/3 of the committee wanted to change it so the special education students were more divided among the clusters and mix special education and ELL students into the same classes.

**Flex:** The proposal was made by Ms. Hampton to eliminate intervention flex from the schedule for next year. She explained that while she believes it has the capacity to be effective, there are too many students in the hallways and too many classrooms that do not have structured activities. A second proposal was made to continue to have flex, but change the time that it is scheduled. This proposal would also eliminate the need for a split lunch in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, creating more instructional time in those classes. Ms. Hampton said she would put together different bell schedules (attached) to send out with the minutes of the meeting. She asks for a final recommendation at the April meeting.

**Meeting Pattern:** The proposal was made to change to a traditional a/b day schedule and stop the Friday 8 period day. Ms. Hampton asked the committee members to get additional feedback from their clusters. Additionally this will need more input from parents and students.

**Pre\_Service Calendar for 2017 – 2018:** Current plans include Differentiation Training and working with multiple student ability groups. A campus wide session on restorative justice practices is also recommended. Teachers would also have two days of choice sessions with some mandated sessions built in such as: Thinking Maps (Refresher), TPSP Requirements and TADS update training. It was brought up that we could receive CHAMPS training free from Safe and Civil Schools. This has been discussed previously. While we will continue to the work with Safe And Civil Schools on implementing and sustaining best practices for positive behavior in common areas and campus wide. CHAMPS is more of a classroom management system to be used by every

teacher in the classroom. The Restorative Discipline practices are more in line with the direction we are moving as a campus. Ms. Hampton asked for a final recommendation on pre-service at the next meeting.

**Dress Code for 2017-2018:** The recommendation was made that because we had voted to continue to allow hoodies for the next school year that we add college gear to what students can wear. This would include college gear for tops: t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets. Pants would remain khaki or navy except for free dress or jeans day. Final recommendation to be made at April meeting.

### **PTO Updates**

The PTO is currently working on two field trips: One to Texas A&M Engineering Fair and another to Texas A&M Galveston Campus. Currently a date is needed for the A&M Galveston trip. Additionally, the incorrect date was given at the last meeting by Ms. Hampton for Spring Thing. The correct date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Safety and Security**

Parking and Student Drop off were brought up as a concern. Concerns were raised about the number of parents that are pulling inside the back gate to drop off their students and then trying to turn around. It was asked that we purchase signage that says "Please do not block entrance" and "Not a student drop off". Ms. Hampton indicated that signage could be posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.