

Alexander Hamilton Middle School

April 18, 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:

Flex/Bell Schedule: In the March meeting, Ms. Hampton proposed eliminating flex from the master schedule. 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 7th grade, creating more instructional time in those classes. Three alternate bell schedules were sent out with the April Minutes for staff to review. Ms. Hampton asked the committee for a final recommendation.

Recommendation: The committee agreed that flex should be kept in the schedule for intervention purposes. However, no agreement could be reached as to which bell schedule to use. The options were to put flex before the last period of the day for everyone or to schedule it at different times for each grade which would eliminate the split lunch for 7th grade. The committee could not make a recommendation. Ms. Hampton said she would put it out for a vote amongst the staff and then make a final decision.

Meeting Pattern: In the previous meeting, a proposal was made to eliminate the Friday 1 – 8 schedule and go to a traditional block schedule.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously agreed that we should continue the 1 – 8 schedule on Fridays.

Student Agendas for 2017 - 2018: Ms. Alderete presented a proposal to change the current agendas that we purchase for students. She recommended that we create our own calendar for students that was more student friendly. She also recommended that it be 8 X 10 and come three whole punched so students could carry it in their binders. She presented plans that she had drawn up. The committee agreed that the current agendas we use are no longer effective as there is no consistency in the expectation that they are used.

Recommendation: Continue the pursuit of creating a calendar that fits the needs of the campus and our students.

Pre-Service: The committee agreed to the suggested plans to include Differentiation Training and working with multiple student ability groups, campus wide sessions on restorative justice practices and choice sessions with some mandated sessions built in such as: Thinking Maps (Refresher), TPSP Requirements and TADS update training.

Dress Code for 2017-2018: Previously the recommendation was made to allow students to wear college apparel for 2017-2018 in addition to the Hamilton polo and spirit shirts.

Recommendation: The committee unanimously agreed to amend the dress code to allow students to wear college t-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

PTO Updates

Spring Thing is April 22. There are still opportunities for vendors.

Safety and Security

No new concerns were brought up

Budget: Ms. Hampton reviewed next year's budget plans. Those plans included the addition of two teachers and one possible teaching assistant. There is a plan in place to ensure the technology that we have stays current which includes replacing two computer labs each year as well as update laptop and ipad carts to ensure they continue to function properly. Because HISDs network can now support Chromebook, and they are much more cost efficient than other options, we have planned to add at least one additional Chromebook cart to our technology inventory. The committee agreed that with the addition of so many online programs that students can use such as Think Through Math, IXL, and Vocabulary.com that additional technology is needed to provide access.

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