

Alexander Hamilton Middle School

**SDMC Meeting
Agenda**

December 13, 2011

Roll Call

Approve minutes from previous SDMC meeting

Approve agenda for scheduled SDMC meeting

Specific Agenda Items

- Principal Address
- Bond Update
- District Benchmark Data
- Planning for Spring Semester
- Committee Reports

Calendar of important dates

December 13, 2011- Holiday Band Concert 6-8pm
December 14, 2011- Principles of Information Technology Final
December 15, 2011 Integrated Physics and Chemistry Final
January 2, 2012 First day back for Teachers, Work day
January 10, 2012 STAAR Night

Next scheduled SDMC meeting date January 24, 2012.

Adjournment

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Meeting start time: 4:00pm

Actual meeting minutes

Robert Lengefeld with AECOM Construction services gave an update on the bond work at Hamilton. The rebidding project began on 12/5/11. Bids expected to go in on 1/4/12, and will go in front of the board during March board meeting. Mr. Bunnell shared that at this time there is no definite word on Summer School and if it is held at Hamilton we will be limited in space. We are planning for a pre-algebra camp. First and Second floors are what should be completed first during bond work. Mr. Bunnell expressed some concerns about contractors being cleared to be on campus.

Data from fall benchmark was shared with committee. The information was shared with the leadership team this morning. We will be working within departments to make sure that we meet the level of complexity and rigor that is tested on STAAR. Administrative team met to re-evaluate and consider school plans and changes in faculty, dean roles, etc. Considerations included regrouping of students, co-teachers, faculty, tutorials, etc. District has not prepared communication for our 7th grade VG students who are taking the 8th grade Math STAAR. Mr. Bunnell suggested that we invest more time on the learning curve for mastering an understanding of the new TEKS and test objectives. Mr. Campbell, a parent representative, questioned the results of the benchmark. Parent concerned about whether the teachers were behind in the classrooms or if the items had just not been covered on the benchmark. Mr. DeStefano expressed teacher concern between pushing and challenging students and teacher and student burnout.

Saturday school is definitely going to happen at Hamilton. We will mail out specific invitations for identified students at each grade level during the winter break or our first day back. Students will also be notified personally that they are to attend. Parent representative was, however, somewhat encouraged by the district comparison. Mr. DeStefano asked if there were incentives and/or goodies for Saturday school. The answer was yes.

Meeting end time: 4:25