## Edgar Allan Poe Elementary School

SDMC Minutes October 1, 2015

## **New Business**

There were no input forms with concerns submitted.

## Discussion from Mr. Amerson regarding lunches on Wednesday:

Teachers are entitled and required to have a 30-minute duty free lunch, even on Early Dismissal Wednesdays. The 2 hour and 38 minute time in the afternoon cannot be used as a working lunch. With early dismissal and the shortened time for lunch, we need to either all eat in classes or alternate to get all lunches in during the shortened time and all teachers will have their duty-free lunch from 1:00-1:30. Afternoon planning will begin at 1:30 and go until 3:23.

General agreement appeared to be that lunches in the classroom or outdoors was working fine so far. There was discussion on creative ways to spend the time with students. For example, teachers could review high frequency words or play games with students as the students eat their lunches. Students can work and eat.

Mr. Amerson said he would ask the cafeteria about getting sack lunches to make it easier for students to grab their lunches and go.

[Following up- since the meeting, cafeteria services has been contacted and has not yet responded to the sack lunch request. Mr. Amerson will follow up with them.]

## Discussion from the SDMC members:

The schedule for Spanish as a Second Language was discussed. The new schedule with early dismissal is causing difficulty in scheduling. We will continue to seek a solution with Ms. Castro's input.