

SDMC Meeting – 6 February 2020

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Meeting Notes

- Updates from Principal's Meeting: Safety and Lead4Ward Rockin' Review
 - Because of the Bellaire High School shooting, the district is in talks to have metal detectors placed at every secondary school. This will be done in waves. The first wave will be at schools that have documented incident(s) of weapons on campus. The second wave is for schools that have had a significant number of cyber threats. Stevenson does not fall into the first two instances. Implementation of the metal detectors is still in the early planning stages; there will be surveys, community meetings, etc. The metal detectors will come with extra personnel, in the form of security guards, to man them.
 - Lead4Ward – How do we plan our reviews? Which reports should we be running? There are now simpler Field Guides available. For MOY, will share next round of interventions.
- February Calendar Review:
 - Feb. 7 – Coffee with the Principal & Magnet Signing Day (after school)
 - Feb. 12 – Vaccine Clinic
 - Feb. 13 – Sweethearts' Dance (4:00 PM)
 - Feb. 14 – Early Release (1:10 PM) & Black History Month Luncheon
 - Feb. 19 – Black History Program (during electives and after school)
 - Feb. 21 – Report Cards go home
 - March 4 – Food Bank
 - March 5 – SDMC
 - March 6 – Coffee with the Principal
- New Business:
 - Stevenson is working on being certified as a Family and Community Engagement (FACE), "Family Friendly School. One hundred and seventy-nine (179) parents completed a survey as part of the requirement of being certified. Stevenson scored highest out of all middle schools. We do, however, need to be reflective and look at how to better address communication between teachers and parents.
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- Master Schedule Discussion (2020-2021)
 - With 7th ELAR moving to one STAAR test, explore the possibility of the class being one as in sixth and eighth grade, instead of the current two classes in seventh.
 - Explore the possibility of built-in flex time (Dragon Time?) at the end of each day to address events such as Circles, interventions, GT projects, etc., depending on the specific needs of students, eliminating the need to use class and teacher conference times.
 - New Advanced Academics Science Strand to allow the introduction of biology in seventh grade to students who are prepared for it, thus allowing them to take IPC in eighth grade.
 - There will be round table discussions on Fridays to discuss the new Master Schedule proposals. All interested parties are welcome. A schedule is forthcoming.

- Follow-up Items:
 - Vanguard Program- Committee. Letter of support. Petition. Presentation to the board. Timeline.