

**Eastside High School  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes  
February 8, 2018**

5:01 p.m. – Meeting called to order and members signed in.

Passed around agendas, handouts, and looked over notes from previous meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes from the 11/16/17 meeting. The motion passed.

Discussion over teacher's vote to keep or remove block scheduling ensued.

Some Pros to Block Scheduling

- Gives the English and math teachers' more time to do a comprehensive review and cover more material and support reading and mathematics (Alg. 1 and Geom.).
- Keeps freshmen in classes longer so they do not have as many class changes which reduces their chances of getting in trouble and being intimidated by upperclassmen.
- Helps freshmen transition into high school and earn up to 8 credits during their first year.

Some Cons to block scheduling

- Science and social studies teachers get less instructional time than English and math teachers.
- We are the only large high school that has a block schedule and some freshmen feel less like they are in high school.

\*\*\*See extensive list of pros and cons on handout provided at the beginning of the meeting.

Discussion

- Most of the freshmen teachers do not want this and they are the ones involved.
- However, all of our teachers had the opportunity to vote and by a small margin (33 for, 26 against, and 1 undecided) the teachers voted to support the block schedule.
- Opinion: It should be based on the freshmen teachers' opinions.
- Fact: ACEA contract requires a faculty (all instructional employees) vote.
- Discussion ensued over whether the SAC should have the right to overturn the teacher's vote.
- Some felt the teachers vote should stand and others disagreed and felt a close decision could be overturned.

A motion was made to vote on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade block schedule waiver request for the 2018-19 school year. There was one yea (for the block), 10 nay (against the block), and one abstained (undecided). The 9<sup>th</sup> grade block schedule waiver request for 2018-19 was not approved by the SAC for the 2018-19 school year.

Scheduled last two SAC meetings on April 12, 2018 at May 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned.