

**Elementary School Alignment Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**May 1, 2015**

**Welcome**

- Dr. Shuman welcomed the group and thanked them for their participation.

**Recap of Elementary Alignment Committee Meeting on April 24, 2017**

- Reviewed what research shows about the impact of multiple transitions on students
- Discussed the impact of transition on students in SFISD
- The fewer transitions for students, the better
  - Feedback from the discussion regarding pros/cons was provided.
- Discussion Results
  - “Based on your personal preference, feedback from your campus and community conversations, and based on the research reviewed and discussions from today, what is the best elementary alignment for SFISD?”
  - The committee members present had unanimously chosen Option 1 (3 Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade campuses with PPCD/SOAR remaining at RJW).

**Grade Level Alignment on Student Transportation**

- Going to 3 Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade campuses would:
  - Require 8-10 busses per campus
  - Allow all busses to be at campuses in the afternoon for dismissal – no waiting to load
  - Reduce time for campus staff to be on bus duty
  - Reduce the time required for the route, allowing students to spend less time on the bus and arrive home earlier

**Dr. Shuman asked if anyone had additional information or research that they would like to share.**

- No additional information or research was shared with the committee.

**Committee Recommendation**

- Dr. Shuman provided clarification regarding the committee’s recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
- What will this committee’s recommendation to the Board look like?
  - The Elementary Alignment Committee recommends the following SFISD elementary grade alignment for implementation upon the opening of the new elementary campus in the Fall of 2019:
    - Choice #1
    - Choice #2

**Table Discussions**

- Dr. Shuman requested that each table discuss the following:
  - What is your #1 and #2 recommendation to the SFISD Board of Trustees for elementary grade alignment?

**Each Table Reported Out**

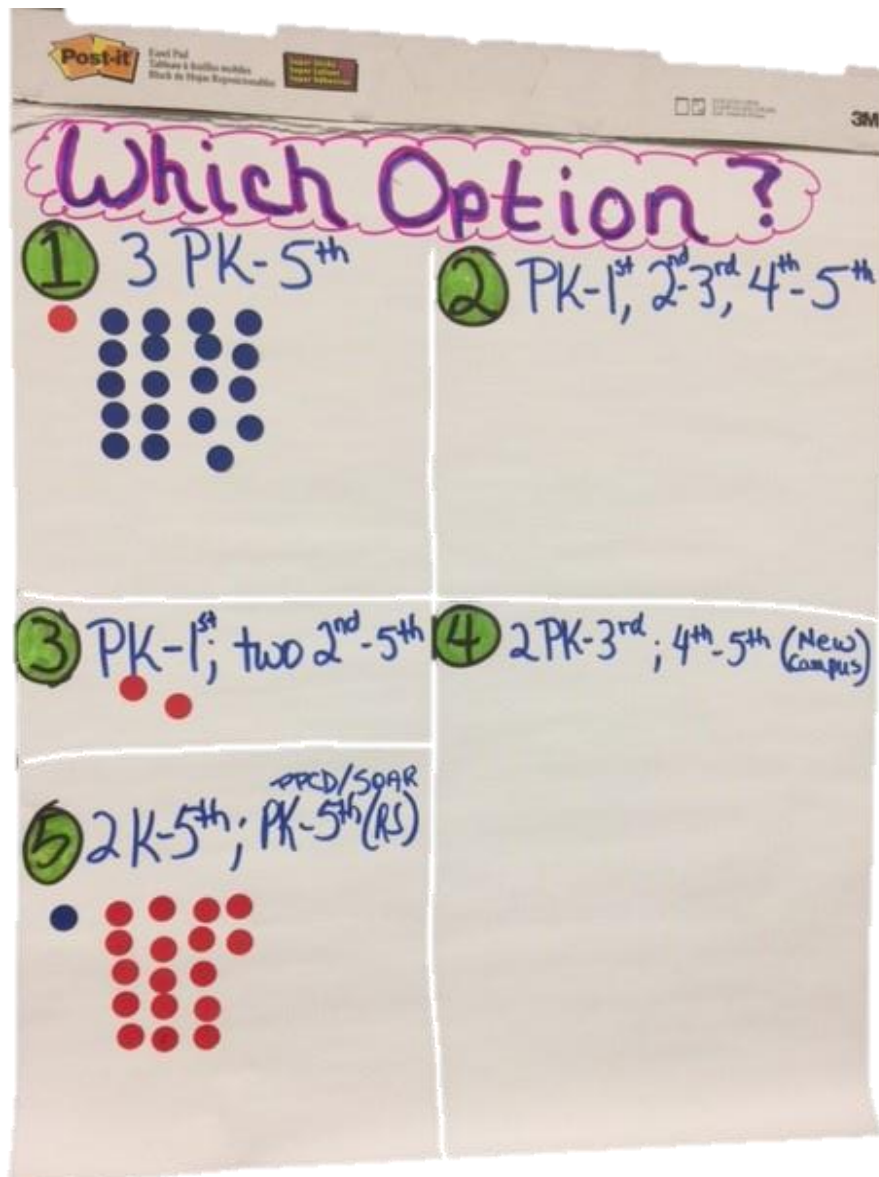
- One table group asked if an additional option could be placed on the list for consideration.
- Following committee discussion and agreement, the following was added for consideration.
  - Option 5: Pre-K/SOAR/PPCE – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (RJW); K-5 (2 other campuses).

## Additional Questions or Clarification?

- The committee was given the opportunity to ask questions for clarification or to request additional information if needed.
- A committee member inquired about the impact of a Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary alignment on transportation to and from local daycares.
- The Assistant Director for Transportation responded that it would be a consideration as to which daycares within and outside of the attendance zones would be serviced.
- Dr. Shuman stated that this would have to be a future discussion should the Board of Trustees choose to move forward with a Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade alignment.

## Individual Committee Member Voting

- A poster was provided for voting purposes that included Options 1-5.
  - Each person was provided a blue dot (1<sup>st</sup> choice) and a red dot (2<sup>nd</sup> choice).
  - Committee members were asked to vote for their **1<sup>st</sup> choice by placing the blue dot** and **2<sup>nd</sup> choice by placing the red dot**.
  - Below is a photo of the voting results.



## **Next Steps**

- Dr. Shuman will present the committee information and recommendations at the Board Workshop on May 15, 2017.
  - The presentation will include:
    - Overview of each committee meeting
    - Research provided
    - Results of survey/voting
    - Recommendation #1 and #2 for Board consideration
    - The suggestion will be to present an agenda item for Board consideration at the June Board meeting

**Dr. Shuman thanked everyone for their service.**