

**Academic Programs/Smaller Learning Communities Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 26, 2004**  
**Old Dimond Library – 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

The meeting commenced with a review of where the SAHS administration was on the type of school schedule that would be implemented for the 2004-05 school year. Mr. Fannin, the school principal, indicated that almost 80% of the teachers favored the West High School Modified Block Schedule. All the parents who attended the previous committee meeting also were in favor of the schedule. With that strong support, he indicated that there still needed to be a discussion with District officials to get approval at that level to proceed with the implementation of the modified block schedule. He said that he would try to push for those discussions to take place and a decision to be made as soon as possible. Once the decision is made, it will be put on the SAHS Website and sent out to the feeder schools in their next newsletters.

A brief discussion was held relative to zone exceptions. Mr. Fannin said that they were coming in at a fairly steady rate and that more were expected as students made up their minds (particularly next year's seniors) on the school that they desire to attend next year. Mr. Fannin said that he was looking forward to the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for zone exceptions. Once the deadline passes, District officials will be able to let principals know approximately the number of students that will be attending their respective schools.

Mr. Fannin also briefly reviewed the registration process and the steps required to get student requests for next year's schedule from the various feeder schools, as well as from all the students from other ASD schools and private schools who would be coming to SAHS on zone exceptions. He indicated that it would be one of the most important and time-consuming tasks that he and his small staff would be charged with this spring.

Darrel Kincade, the Music Department Chair, played parts of the fight songs for Florida State, Ohio State, and USC. He wanted to get feedback from the committee on which of the fight songs would be best for South Anchorage. Most committee members liked the fight song from Florida State. We talked about the need to contact Florida State to review copyright issues to use their music for our fight song. In addition, if we were unable to secure that permission, the next choice would be Ohio State's song.

Mr. Fannin indicated that this would be the final scheduled meeting of this committee. He encouraged everyone present to attend the final SAHS public forum which was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Goldenvue from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.