

**Course Weight Task Force**  
**-May 11, 2017-**  
**Minutes**

**I. Co-chair Cartha Siddiqui welcomed Task Force members and introduced**

- A. Board Member Liaisons - Kathryn Dawson and Chris Vierra
- B. Senior Staff Liaison - Tyler Ream
- C. Co-district Task Force Lead - Lance Stallworth (Randolph Adami was unable to attend)

**II. Table Introductions**

Members were invited to introduce themselves to the others at their tables, share their level of knowledge about SBISD course weight practices, and express their hopes for the work of the Task Force

**III. Overview of Task Force Charge, Timeline, & Outcomes**

Lance Stallworth reviewed the Board Charge for the Task Force and provided a general meeting plan for meeting the expectations of the Charge. Some questions were raised about the limitations within the scope. Lance clarified that we were solely charged with considering the rules around number of courses weighted, which courses are weighted, and the amount of weight assigned.

**IV. Norms**

Cartha Siddiqui and Lance Stallworth led a whole group discussion around Task Force Norms. Below are the norms agreed upon by the members:

- Value other members' opinions and perspective/listen
- Assume good intentions - we want the best outcome that serves ALL kids in the system
- Acknowledge that we come from various backgrounds and experiences
- Honor each other's time
- Seek to understand others
- Have an open mind
- Keep confidentiality of what is said in the room
- Stay on task and minimize side conversations
- Facilitators
  - Start/end on time
  - Timely information

**V. Overview of current system**

Lance Stallworth presented an overview of our current course weight system and a brief historical overview. Following the presentation, members were asked to reflect on what

they heard in their table groups, seek clarification, and formulate preliminary areas of inquiry that will assist in informing and focusing the work of the group. Members were also asked to identify the stakeholders impacted by the work of the Task Force.

**VI. Next meeting**

The Task Force will next meet June 8 from 4:30-6:30.