Smith Middle School
School Improvement Team
Monday, February 25, 2019
Smith Media Center, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

<u>**SIT Members:**</u>
Faculty Co-Chair: Lori Clark
Parent Co-Chair: Rachael DiSantostefano
Faculty/Staff Members: Ryan Kulikowski, Matthew Bello, TBD
Parent Members: Liane Carneiro, Becky Lee, Kavita Rajagopal, Ranee Montgomery
Administration: Stephon Goode, Spencer Hawkins
Student Members: Vaughn Vandegrift, Daniel Perrin

Minutes
1. 10min- Approval of past minutes and current agenda (Rachael) - sent in advance. Minutes from Jan were approved.

2. 20min - Mid-Year Benchmark Results (Stephon)

Stephon went over the benchmark results at a high level but was not yet done sorting through results in detail. We seem to be on track to the end of the school year with some scores requiring more investigation (lower than he'd like but not far from expected).

3. 15min - AVID strategies (what are we doing as a school now / next year?) (Stephon)

Currently, AVID is a class taught to a small number of children in the school. The school will move toward an AVID approach next year, which affects lesson plans (and will be an effort for teachers to make this shift.) AVID skills that children learn in the classroom are intended to set them up for success (teaching style, assignments, note taking, etc). The idea behind AVID is college readiness. https://www.chccs.org/avid
From the district website – AVID is designed to be a transformational effort focused on instruction, systems, leadership, and culture, and is designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school.

4. 5min - Discipline data, disproportionality (Matt)
Mr. Bello reported data on discipline, and there is a pattern that EC children get a disproportionate number of suspensions across every subgroup. The discussion was on what could be done to help this group, and there are concerns that this group does not have the support it needs given school size and resources (teachers) who do not have the bandwidth to address needs to the level that Mr. Bello would like.