

# PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL INNOVATIVE SCHEDULE COMMITTEE

October 3, 2017

Time	Activity	Goals & Outcomes
8:30-9:15	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Team Building</b></p> <p>Guiding Questions: What are we doing today? Toward what purposes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome, personal introductions, getting present</li> <li>• Meeting preview</li> <li>• Team builder: “Diversity Round”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We get connected to each other &amp; focused on what we hope to accomplish today.</li> </ul>
9:15 – 10:20	<p><b>Community Agreements</b></p> <p>Guiding Question: What do I need from myself &amp; from everyone on our committee in order to feel safe, supported, open, trusting &amp; productive...SO THAT we can make a schedule decision that best meets the needs of the Paly community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are community agreements and why use them?</li> <li>• Begin developing ISC community agreements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We propose a set of agreements we’ll finalize at the next meeting.</li> <li>• We continue to build the collaboration, communication &amp; trust necessary to successfully accomplish our charge.</li> </ul>
10:20 – 10:30	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>	
10:30 – 11:15	<p><b>Reflections On Current Schedule</b></p> <p>Guiding Questions: In what important ways does our current bell schedule work well? What important needs are not being addressed well by our current bell schedule?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol Part 1: Graphic organizer, chalk talk, gallery walk, debrief</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We begin to identify major strengths and challenges of the current bell schedule to help guide upcoming research, outreach and decisions.</li> <li>• We begin to identify “the problem(s) ISC is trying to solve.”</li> </ul>
11:15 – 12:00	<p><b>Shared Criteria, Goals &amp; Outcomes</b></p> <p>Guiding questions: What specific needs, interests or activities do we want to consider in the schedule design? What are the outcomes for students, parents and staff that we want a schedule to contribute to, promote, and support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocol Part 2: Graphic organizer, chalk talk, gallery walk, debrief</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We begin to identify our shared interests, values, and desired outcomes to help us evaluate any schedule we consider.</li> </ul>

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12:00 – 12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
12:30 – 1:50	<p><b>Subcommittee Meetings</b></p> <p>Guiding questions: What are the goals and priorities of the subcommittees? Which subcommittee might I want to work with? What are our next steps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee meetings meet, develop action plans</li> <li>• Subcommittee meetings report back to whole group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We establish three subcommittees and do the initial planning necessary for launching their ongoing work.</li> </ul>
1:50 – 2:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
2:00 – 3:10	<p><b>Schedule Research &amp; Innovation</b></p> <p>Guiding Question: How can a bell schedule contribute to beneficial outcomes for students, staff and families? What does the research in the field suggest are major lessons &amp; pitfalls of block schedule design that should be considered by ISC? As the <i>Innovative</i> Schedule Committee, how might we think outside the box about possibilities while also being well-grounded in research and accountable to ISC's Required Criteria?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation &amp; discussion with Dr. Denise Pope</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We develop a shared understanding of the key research on block schedules so we are better prepared to evaluate schedule options.</li> <li>• We expand our knowledge and thinking about innovative and creative scheduling alternatives.</li> </ul>
3:10 – 3:30	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>Guiding Questions: What was most meaningful to you today? What or whom did you appreciate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection sheets</li> <li>• Closing circle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We reflect on how successfully we accomplished our meeting goals and appreciate each other's contributions.</li> </ul>