

Alternative Pathways Committee
Notes from 3/2/16

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Pilots (Master Schedule and World Languages) are feeding this shift to better align with the Strategic Plan

- Master schedule was discussed as key area to focus on at the initial meeting. The group discussed the pilots are coming this Spring. TL is launching on 3/7 and CMS later. Team members discussed the differences between the two pilots and shared ideas on how each meets different needs of staff and students. Staff feedback from the pilots will inform this process moving forward. CMS new [Master Schedule](#) is a modified block and incorporates a flex period and the newest version also addresses concerns with Wednesday. TL pilot [schedule](#) is also another version of a modified block and has flex component.

- Results of Middlebury World Language pilot (blended approach including native speakers & expanding model allows various pacing and centers approach including a conversational center, a group project center, and an online center); The general feedback that is great for some kids but not all and that we also need to consider a traditional model as well. Working on offering both at CMS next year. Focus on 6-8 in the immediacy with 6th grade wheel but 7/8 could be more “traditional” version; Desire to address world languages at younger ages as well. Marie shared that there is a huge interest in adding story-based version to the 4/5 --especially from students!!! Committee agreed that 2016-17 address Preschool-5th level topic of World Languages and need to focus on middle school plan for now.