

Present: Laura Schulkind, Diane Lyons, Deirdre d'Albertis; Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell.

Members of the committee convened to draft a schedule for the spring. Working backward from an April 4th BOE vote on whether or not to continue with the new school start time, the group decided to make its final presentation and recommendation to the board at its March 21st regular meeting. There are three possible course of action: 1) keep the change if it is determined that the impact has been neutral to positive, 2) revert to the previous start time, 3) push the time later still (not likely since it would depend on all area schools also changing their start time). Joe asked—and the group discussed—if there is any budgetary impact to be expected with adopting the later start time. It was agreed that this option remains budget neutral (as it was last year).

To date, the district has received a series of emails, all positive, from parents with feedback on the change in start time. We will collect these messages as one indicator to consider as we assess the pilot program for this year.

The group spent much of its time crafting language for the survey to parents and to faculty/staff to be distributed electronically later this month.

The student survey will be administered in the second half of February (using the same instrument—a sleep questionnaire—provided by Dr. Chatr-Aryamontri last spring—and collated in early March.

The SST committee will invite Pupil Personnel Services staff to meet in late February. Joe will invite the Athletic Director, Mr. Boucher, to share his feedback with the full board on January 24th at its regular meeting. Focus group discussions with teachers in both CLS and BMS/RHS will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st.

The SST group plans to meet again on February 24th (pending confirmation) to review data and begin planning for its final presentation to the board.

Respectfully submitted,

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