

**Greenwich Public Schools**  
**SST Steering Committee Meeting Notes -- Revised**  
**November 12, 2015**

**Attendance:** Tom Bobkowski, Janice Domiziano, Sophie Dowling, Valerie Erde, Mary Forde, Mary-Stuart Freyberg, Tom Healy, Jim Hricay, Rick Piotrkowski, Susie Ponce, Gene Schmidt, Carol Sutton, Bobby Walker, Jr., Chris Winters, Cynthia Womack and Bill McKersie

**General Points of Discussion:**

1. Approved meeting notes from October 30, 2015 with the following revisions:
  - a. Noted there would be 73 days October through February during which elementary school children would be waiting for a bus in the dark if elementary school started at 7:30, 39 days if elementary school started at 7:45.
2. BOE November 5 Presentation Update
  - a. Dr. McKersie shared the Nov. 5 presentation to BOE. Earliest he can see changing start time is 2017-2018. Recommended the following:
    - i. Committee should continue working on SST with goal of presenting final recommendation to BOE in May 2016.
    - ii. Identify other stress issues affecting students aside from SST.
    - iii. Request Hanover Research do summative research on impact of SST change in other districts.
3. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Transportation – Jim Hricay
    - i. Still awaiting report on traffic patterns from Town.
    - ii. Have had two responses for RFP. Recommend convening selection committee consisting of parents from Elementary, Middle and High Schools, administrator from GHS, transportation director and Cynthia Womack to review consultants and recommend vendor to Superintendent. Award contract on December 10.
  - b. Student Survey – Chris Winters
    - i. 1,444 responses (about 50% response rate)
    - ii. Survey was distributed to students via email
    - iii. 58% positive toward changing SST; 29% negative
    - iv. Most popular options were starting 30 minutes later (68% positive) and recharge option (school hours would be 9:00 – 2:15 one day per week, 71% positive)
    - v. Of note: 20% of students have a paying job after school, 19% care for siblings after school, 24% volunteer regularly after school, 54% participate in school sports or clubs
    - vi. Which option do students prefer most:
      1. 43% -- recharge
      2. 11% -- 30 minute shift

3. 9% -- 45 minute shift
  4. 13% -- 60 minute shift
  5. 12% -- no change
4. SST Phase II Timeline
    - a. Committee reviewed and agreed upon Phase II timeline and deliverables.
  5. Identified subcommittees for further work: Transportation, Stress, Hanover Research and Survey.
  6. Valerie Erde asked if there is anything we could do to make short-term changes for 2016-2017 to alleviate stress such as shifting 6:30 am band sectionals to some other time or incorporating a recharge option.

**Next Meeting:** November 30, 2015, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Staff Development Room