

Greenwich Public Schools
SST Steering Committee Meeting Notes
October 15, 2015

Attendance: Janice Domiziano, Sophie Dowling, Valerie Erde, Mary Forde, Diane Chiappetta Fox, Mary-Stuart Freydberg, Tom Healy, Jim Hricay, Gus Lindine, Rick Piotrkowski, Susie Ponce, Gene Schmidt, Caroline Smith, Carol Sutton, Bobby Walker, Jr., Chris Winters, Cynthia Womack and Bill McKersie

General Points of Discussion:

1. Approved meeting notes from September 30, 2015.
2. Dr. McKersie informed committee he will release RFP for transportation consultant to look at transportation system as relates to school start times and see if there are ways to make our system more efficient. Transportation consultant will look at bus routes, traffic flow, bus contract and how we formulate a bid. Results from consultant expected in January.
3. Debrief on SST Forum October 13 at WMS. Panel members: Bill McKersie, Carol Sutton, Gus Lindine, Bobby Walker, Jr., Cynthia Womack
 - a. 65 people in attendance, 25 speakers. Most speakers were proponents of later school start.
 - b. Concern about intimidation factor – those opposed to changing school start times didn't feel comfortable speaking. These parents are being encouraged to give feedback online.
 - c. Agreed that Mary-Stuart Freydberg will speak about SST committee process at next forum.
4. SST Survey has been distributed to staff and have had 600 responses to date. Want to ensure paraprofessionals and custodians are aware of survey and fill out. Bob Stacy will follow up.
5. GHS Student Government developing survey for GHS students using staff survey as a model. Bobby Walker, Jr., suggests asking how many students have after school jobs.
6. Concern regarding other things that contribute to students not getting enough sleep: amount of homework, devices, length of athletic practices and extracurriculars. Our community needs to have a larger conversation about this. Carol Sutton believes faculty would welcome a larger discussion on this issue.
7. Next SST Forum dates: October 21 at 7:00 pm at EMS and Spanish Forum October 28 at 7:00 pm at GHS.

Next Meeting: October 30, 2015, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Board Room