

Greenwich Public Schools
SST Steering Committee Meeting Notes
March 3, 2016

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

General Points of Discussion:

1. Approved February 18 meeting notes.
2. SBC will present their findings on efficiency of current GPS transportation system to the BOE at March 10 Work Session. This presentation by SBC will incorporate feedback received at SBC presentation to the SST Steering Committee on February 18.
3. Reviewed plan for community engagement. There will be three public sessions in April with SST Options and Analysis, and two public sessions in May after Dr. McKersie's final recommendation to the BOE regarding school start time. A flyer is being developed that will be distributed to parents, staff, and students with dates and times for each session and additional information about BOE meetings in April and May. Community members will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on SST options online.
4. SST Steering Committee will have an opportunity to provide guidelines to SBC regarding length of bus rides, earliest pick-up time, latest drop-off time, etc. as SBC develops start time options.
5. Carol Sutton is working on opportunities for teacher and staff feedback on the start time options. Want to ensure all bargaining units have the opportunity for input.
6. Jim Healy asked how we can more easily educate the public on the health aspects of school start time change. Cynthia Womack reminded the committee of the existing web page on GPS website which provides links to research on school start time. Cynthia agreed to take another look at the links to make sure they are easily accessible.
7. Agreed work needs to begin to develop survey for parents, students and staff on school start time options. Survey to be distributed after April break.
8. SBC will present start time options to SST Committee at our next meeting. Date TBD.
9. Dr. McKersie will meet with private schools to keep them in the loop on the SST process.

Next Meeting: Date and time TBD