

Greenwich Public Schools
SST Steering Committee Meeting Notes
September 4, 2015

Attendance: Tom Bobkowski, Jennie Byxbee, Jan Domiziano, Sophie Dowling, Valerie Erde, Mary Forde, Diane Chiappetta Fox, Mary Stuart Freydborg, Anthony Giovannone, Tom Healy, Jim Hricay, Gus Lindine, Rick Piotrkowski, Gene Schmidt, Bob Stacy, Carol Sutton, Mike Trogni, Bobby Walker, Chris Winters, Cynthia Womack and Bill McKersie

General Points of Discussion:

1. Notes from the August 24, 2015 meeting were approved.
2. Introduced Valerie Erde who has been added to the committee as Greenwich Chapter Leader – Start School Later.
3. Reviewed the final charge document given to the BOE in advance of the September 10 BOE work session.
4. Reviewed project plan timeline.
5. Reviewed SST options and agreed to add a few options to the list: an option to maintain current school start times and an option to consider some flexibility with regard to changing school start times, e.g., start middle and high school later and elementary school earlier or start all schools later with options in 15 minute increments ranging from 30 to 90 minutes later.
6. Clarified that Option 3, Flexible Start and End Time at GHS, would allow students to choose a 7:30 or 8:30 am start and a 2:15 or 3:15 pm dismissal.
7. Agreed it is necessary to give parents ample lead time and notice of a change to school start times if such a change is decided.
8. Discussed and refined variables related to different start time options. Committee members were assigned responsibility for exploring the different variables which would be impacted by a change in school start times. Committee members to present their findings at the next SST Steering Committee meeting.
9. There is a plan to hold two community forums and one staff forum in October and in November (6 forums total) to allow for discussion and input on changing school start times. Agreed that the committee will discuss a draft agenda for these forums at the next SST Steering Committee meeting.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2015