

School Start Time Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes

Date: March 9, 2017
Place: Havemeyer Staff Room
Present:

Members: Dr. Gaetane Francis, Chair
Ms. Debbie Appelbaum
Ms. Barbara O'Neill

Others: Dr. Salvatore Corda, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Kim Eves, Director Communications
Mr. Jim Hricay, Managing Director of Operations
Dr. Chris Winters, Headmaster, Greenwich High School
Mr. Gus Lindine, Athletic Director, Greenwich High School
Mr. Mike Archer, School Bus Consultants

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm
2. The agenda was approved 2-0 (Ms. Appelbaum not yet present).
3. The minutes from the 2/23/2017 and 3/2 meetings were approved 2-0 (Ms. Appelbaum not yet present).
4. Communications
 - a. March update: 3/20 final version to give time for final revisions and translation.
 - b. Child Care Survey: Due to changes in content and difficulties with formatting, the survey is being delayed with new deadline as well.
 - c. Board update: Planned for this evening. Topics to be included were reviewed. Primarily topics from updates and punch list.
5. High School
 - a. Early dismissal and lunch schedule: Further refinement on plan. It is felt that a lunch is needed as dismissal will now be at 1:15. A shortened lunch is being considered. It is felt this will not require additional funding and may in fact improve revenue for food services.
 - b. Sports dismissal for coaches discussed. Prior data reviewed, recalled to be a maximum of 8 early departures for any given coach in a season (split between 15 and 45 minutes early), shared between 4 different blocks with new schedule. About a quarter of coaches are high school teachers, others are not teachers or are from other levels.
 - c. Extra-curricular clubs with non-stipend staff: the typical survey to determine intent to continue with club or activity will be going out this spring.

- d. After school employment: guidance counselors have investigated student concerns about losing income. They did not find evidence of concerns.
 - e. Bus passes: It is expected that passes will be available at the reduced rate starting April 1. 10 trip passes will be sold at cost for \$12.60. Transportation officials have been made aware of anticipated changes and possible increase in ridership and they will monitor.
6. Field lighting update: Consultants continue to work on a plan with Mr Lindine.
 7. Private School transportation - ongoing work with Mike Archer and schools. It is anticipated there will be improvements in service and possible savings in efficiency. It is also hoped that additional independent schools will become more interested when they see improvements for those who are actively engaging at this time.
 8. Punch list:
 - a. Staff commuting. CT Rides non-profit engaged to help with staff commuting. At this time it has focused primarily on the high school, but carpooling and other improvements may be even more beneficial if all levels of teachers and other staff included in programs. Method for best connecting interested staff was discussed.
 9. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. Passed 3-0.

Submitted
Gaetane Francis