

School Start Time Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes

Date: March 23, 2017
Place: Havemeyer Staff Room
Present:

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

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. Mike Archer, School Bus Consultants

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm
2. The agenda was approved 2-0
3. The amended minutes from the regular and special meetings on 3/9 were approved 2-0.
4. Communications
 - a. March update: reviewed for sending out.
 - b. Child Care Survey: Due to changes in content and difficulties with formatting, the survey was delayed. Plan is for it to go out and be due 4/7.
5. Early release schedule:
 - a. Early dismissal and lunch schedule:
 - i. Middle schools will be unchanged from their prior arrangements (just 15 minute shift).
 - ii. High school will be adding lunch - will be slightly earlier - starting around 11:00 instead of 11:40 with 31 minute blocks.
6. Transportation:
 - a. Bus passes: It is planned 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.
 - b. Boys and Girls Club is being added due to availability of capacity for all schools that didn't have it and desire to have it. This does not increase transportation costs and allows B+G staff to stay on site instead of having to leave to transport students. This is particularly beneficial as they will not have the HS students as early.

- c. Staff and CT rides: The non-profit will meet with school representatives (e.g. Carol Sutton and maybe others) to look for options to help staff with commuting.
7. Other punch list items:
- a. Field availability update: Consultants continue to work on a plan with Mr Lindine to be presented at 4/6 meeting.
 - b. Outcome evaluation: At this time, the administration has been unable to find an appropriate person to study outcomes for our students. We discussed that it would be useful to have information from this spring for comparison. Possible areas to follow:
 - i. Attendance
 - ii. Tardiness
 - iii. Sick/nurse visits
 - iv. MVA - police likely to have this information
 - v. Possible impact on athletics and other after school activities
 - vi. Academics?
 - vii. Sleep time and student sense of well-being.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm. Passed 2-0.

Submitted
Gaetane Francis