

School Start end Time Task Force Meeting

December 16, 2019 1:00 PM

WHS Main Office Conference Room

Attendance:

William McKersie

Kenneth Crow

Lisa Wolak

Laura Kaddis

Stacy Slater

Erin Merrifield

Kim Spangler

Jenny Walsh

Kristen Ancker

1. Welcome and Review of Agenda

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie reviewed the meeting agenda with the Task Force.

2. Update to the Board of Education-December 16, 2019

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie reviewed the letter and attachments that were sent to the Board of Education regarding the Task Force update and request to move the School Start and End Time recommendation to the Board from January 2020 to February 2020.

Dr. Crow updated the Task Force about the process that will be taken when reviewing with the Board the process and information gathering the Task Force took over the past four months. At the January Board Meeting, we will update the Board on the work to date as well as the most recent survey. A vote on the school start and end time recommendation will most likely happen at the April Board Meeting.

3. Scheduling Discussion Part II

Discussion:

Dr. Crow gave the Task Force time to ask additional questions regarding scheduling options that had been presented at the December 6 Task Force meeting.

A question was brought up as to the financial impact on non-certified staff with the potential of a 15-minute shorter day. Dr. Crow will speak with Mr. Brey, Director of Human Resources and Internal Counsel regarding the impact.

4. Early Survey Results

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie spoke about the survey and gave the Task Force some early results. The survey takes approximately seven minutes to take. When people start the survey, it is projected that approximately 75% will finish, but we have reached 81%. The total response rate as of December 13, 2019 was 475 between parents and staff. Student respondents had not been included in this number.

Jenny Walsh had asked if we could send another reminder to families and staff mid-week, along with Stacy Slater and Erin Merrifield reminding WTA staff members and Kim Spangler reminding AFSCME staff members.

5. Discussion of Recommendation Process for Task Force

Discussion:

It was discussed by the Task Force that within the actual recommendation, we highlight education for parents in how to support their children (students) if and when change happens. Also it is important to highlight the research that prompted looking into the District's start and end times. Following this would be the Task Force's recommendation to the Board of Education.

Other topics to discuss along with the school start and end time recommendation to the Board would be addressing other items surrounding the topic of wellness and how we can incorporate them into the daily student life on campus.

6. Other Business

Discussion:

Our next meeting will be held on January 6, 2020. Agenda items to be discussed will be the update on the staff focus groups as well as the final results of the School Start and End Time Options Survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent