

School Start/End Time Task Force Meeting

January 06, 2020 12:30 PM

Weston High School Main Office Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 12:30 PM:

Present Task Force Members:

William McKersie

Kenneth Craw

Craig Tunks

Phillip Cross

Lisa Wolak

Mark Berkowitz

Laura Kaddis

Stacy Slater-WTA

Erin Merrifield-WTA

Kim Spangler-AFSCME

Joe Parciasepe-Town of Weston Parks & Recreation

Kristen Ancker-Parent

Absent Task Force Members:

Jenny Walsh-Parent

1. Welcome and Review of Agenda

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie welcomed the team and reviewed the upcoming agenda.

2. Update on School Start/End Time Options Survey

Discussion:

Dr. Tunks reviewed the results from the School Start/End Time Options survey that was administered in December 2019. Total completed surveys were the following: 25% from parents, 42.73% from staff and 62.3% from students.

There was discussion among the Task Force regarding the potential of having a forum to present what the group has been working on and answer questions.

3. Update on WPS Staff Focus Groups

Discussion:

Stacy Slater was only able to meet with the WMS staff focus group prior to the December recess. On the whole, the group did not want to see a change that would alter commute times, child care and a longer day. She will be meeting with the WHS focus group next week and Erin Merrifield will be meeting with the HES team leaders later this afternoon.

4. Update on Report to Board of Education for February 2020

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie asked all Task Force members to review the narratives at the end of the document to see what the major takeaways are and to highlight the key points that stood out to each person. These will be reviewed during the next School Start End Time Task Force meeting.

5. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Discussion:

For the next meeting on January 22, the Task Force will focus on results from additional focus group and staff meetings, review the narrative, continue to review survey results and discuss what option(s) each member is leaning towards.

6. Adjourn

Discussion:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent