

School Start/End Time Task Force Meeting

January 29, 2020 12:00 PM

Central Office Annex Conference Room

Present Task Force Members:

William McKersie

Kenneth Craw

Phillip Cross

Mark Berkowitz

Laura Kaddis

Stacy Slater-WTA

Erin Merrifield-WTA

Kim Spangler-AFSCME

Joe Parciasepe-Town of Weston Parks & Recreation

Jenny Walsh-Parent

Kristen Ancker-Parent

1. Welcome and Review

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie reviewed the outline and what we hope to achieve during the meeting.

2. Focus Groups Update

Discussion:

Stacy Slater and Erin Merrifield mentioned that Option 4 makes Weston Teachers Association members uncomfortable and concerned regarding the after school time available for appointments, where their wrap-around time would fall and possible changes in commuting time. The PTO will conduct a focus group tonight at the Town Library to review the three options.

3. Discuss February, 24, 2020 Board of Education Recommendation

Discussion:

Dr. Craw reviewed the draft of the School Start and End Time Report. The Task Force spent the majority of the meeting reviewing the potential of the three recommendations. Dr. Craw reviewed the three top options and also reminded the Task Force of the other options that didn't have a favorable buy-in from parents, students and staff. The Task Force is leaning towards all three options, including pros and cons for each, with a suggestion of an additional survey after the February Board of Education presentation, that would specifically target the three options along with pros, cons and budget impact.

4. Additional Survey Discussion

5. Other Business

5.1. Set Meeting Prior to BOE Meeting

Discussion:

The Task Force discussed meeting the week of February 10 as a group, with the report ready on February 19. Dr. McKersie asked that everyone who had provided analysis documents throughout the process, forward them to Dr. Craw for inclusion in the final report.

5.2. Set Meeting After BOE Meeting

Chairperson

Superintendent