

School Start/End Time Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:30 AM

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Weston, CT 06883-1623

I. **Welcome**

II. **Review of Minutes**

III. **Board of Education Consensus Decision on Next
Steps**

IV. **Future Planning**

V. **Other Business**

School Start/End Time Task Force Meeting

March 05, 2020 12:30 PM

WHS Main Office Conference Room

Present Task Force Members:

William McKersie

Kenneth Craw

Phillip Cross

Laura Kaddis

Lisa Wolak

Mark Berkowitz

Stacy Slater-WTA

Erin Merrifield-WTA

Joe Parciasepe-Town of Weston Parks and Recreation

Jenny Walsh-Parent

Kristen Acker-Parent

1. Welcome and Review

Discussion:

Dr. McKersie welcomed the Task Force members and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

2. School Start and End Time Presentation Debrief

Discussion:

The Task Force debriefed on the School Start and End Time Report and presentation to the Board of Education. The Task Force voiced their surprise that the Board was interested in them bringing a singular recommendation to them in April. The charge from Dr. McKersie of the Task Force was to be a data-gathering body from all constituents. The Task Force operates as an advisory board to the Superintendent.

The Board mentioned that during the start and end time discussions, the majority of thinking has surrounded the 6-12 grades and not the lower schools.

Dr. McKersie summarized the questions that came out of the February 24, 2020 Board meeting.

Joe Parciasepe has been working with Dr. Craw on the concerns for before/after care for students.

2.1. Task Force Recommendation Process

Discussion:

The Board has indicated that they would like a recommendation from the Task Force. All members will be polled to see where each person or group represented stands with regard to the current options.

3. School Start and End Time Public Forum Discussion

Discussion:

The format of the School Start and End Time Public Forum will be a question and answer style. All Task Force members will let Meredith Herman know of their availability to attend the meeting on March 11, 2020.

4. Additional Survey Planning

Discussion:

The Task Force reviewed the draft of the new survey to families, staff and students. There was discussion regarding what specific responses we need in order to help our decision in bringing a recommendation to the Board. It was asked if the survey is able to be formatted to be taken on phones.

5. Additional Focus Groups

Discussion:

The need for additional focus groups will be decided after the Public Forum is held.

6. Additional Meeting Dates

Discussion:

All Task Force meetings have been scheduled through April 30, 2020.

7. Next Steps

Discussion:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, after the Public Forum.

The Task Force meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent