

Franklin Public Schools
Franklin School Committee

School Start Times Advisory Committee
Full Committee

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Town Municipal Building -- 3rd Floor Training Room

MINUTES

I. Call to Order- S Ahern called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Sara Ahern, Miriam Goodman, Erica Monteiro, William Klements, Monica Linden, Jen DeBaggis, Jessica Pisano, Oona Harrington, Maria Weber, Tom Angelo, Gigi, Zub, Ellen Gould, Mary Jane Scofield, Donna Grady

Student Liaisons Present: Grace Newton

Members Absent: Kit Brady, Elizabeth Woelflein, Rebecca Cameron, Emily Ambrose

Student Liaisons Absent: William Gardner, Conlon Hickey, William Olbrys

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Full Committee Meeting -- 9/20/18 (motion by J Pisano, second by V Zub and M. Linden, approved 12-0-2 (Scofield, Grady abstain)
- b. Subcommittee Meetings
 - i. Transportation - 10/17/2018 (motion by M Linden, J Debaggis , unanimously approved)
 - ii. Before School - 9/13/2018 (motion by MJ Scofield , second by E Gould, unanimously approved)
 - iii. Research Other Districts - 9/20/2018 (motion by E Monteiro , second by W Klements, unanimously approved)

III. Updates from Subcommittees

Sleep Research- J Pisano reported that the committee met and focused on communication and getting information out to the public. Infographic from CDC was used and provided to community at Harvest Festival with Superintendent's summary from the district newsletter. S. Ahern showed the website to the group and will continue to build upon it throughout the process.

Research Other Districts- S Ahern emailed Superintendents to pave the way for subcommittee members to reach out to other districts to get some information. Westboro sent some information that may be helpful. Bourne, Monomoy and Nauset all have information sent to D Grady. Reached out to presidents to get some model language. O Harrington spoke with Medway, but they are in a slightly different situation. E Monteiro spoke with Superintendent in Burlington who provided much information, documentation. Erica also spoke with N. Andover re: their changes. Subcommittee will meet again to synthesize information and report back.

Employee Implications-no update

After School- no recent meeting

Transportation/Traffic - M Goodman met with Holmes bus on alternate scenarios suggested by the subcommittee, each would be able to be serviced with 20 buses which could result in an overall savings of approximately \$350,000. Recommendation to the full committee is to consider these models and rename as necessary.

Model E2: MS/HS Shift Later; Elementary Starts First

School Level	Proposed Start Time	Proposed Dismissal Time
Elementary Schools	7:45 AM	1:55 PM
Middle Schools	8:15 AM	2:45 PM
High School	8:45 AM	3:15 PM

Model E4: Elementary Starts First, HS/MS shift later

School Level	Proposed Start Time	Proposed Dismissal Time
Elementary Schools	8:00 AM	2:10 PM
Middle Schools	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
High School	8:30 AM	3:00 PM

Model E5: Earlier times (same as E2): Elementary Starts First, HS/MS shift later

School Level	Proposed Start Time	Proposed Dismissal Time
Elementary Schools	7:45 AM	1:55 PM
Middle Schools	8:45 AM	3:15 PM
High School	8:15 AM	2:45 PM

Model F: MS/HS Shift slightly later; Elementary after

School Level	Proposed Start Time	Proposed Dismissal Time
Elementary Schools	9:10 AM	3:20 PM
Middle Schools	7:45 AM	2:15 PM
High School	8:15 AM	2:45 PM

M Goodman also spoke with Jeff Nutting and Chief Lynch regarding the impact on traffic within the Town. Both felt as though there would not be a significant impact in the morning.

Franklin's rush hour is about 6-9am and buses are already in that mix as well as parent drop off lines. The feeling was that folks would get used to a new schedule and adjust their own timing as needed. Afternoon rush is typically 4-7pm and much of our busing is completed by then. The Chief also indicated that there were not traffic studies done for the entire town about peak hours. Typically studies are specific to intersections/areas of development. Finally the Chief indicated that FPD did not have the capability to adjust traffic signals and their timing. FPD manages traffic with details at certain times (eg. Franklin Village at holiday season), but they do not have the manpower to put details at schools on a regular schedule. M Goodman to follow up with B Holmes about the late buses.

Before School - M Goodman followed up with Jeff Nutting regarding the impact to custodial staffing. Contractually, there is language that would allow schedule changes if the school start times change. Jeff would be alerting the custodial union that discussions were taking place and information could be found on the SSTAC website.

IV. Update on Timeline and Communication Goals

S Ahern communicated SSTAC activity and sleep research information in the district newsletter, at the harvest festival and at the joint PCC in the past month.

V. Review Potential Surveys

S Ahern presented a draft student survey to the group for feedback. Tech could distribute to students 6-12 via email, or direct to chromebooks to require response. Group liked the direct required response, however some felt that it was more respectful to allow students the opportunity to participate instead of forcing participation. Perhaps the responses might be more authentic. An opt out is also provided. A draft parent survey was presented to the group for feedback. The parent survey will be sent to all district parents to identify grade span and number of hours of sleep. Recognizing that the data may not be valid and that there is not an ability to match student responses to parents, but there is value in having the data and conversation. Both surveys indicate that there would be a formal survey for the fall coming later.

S Ahern also discussed the formal survey and took feedback from the group, making changes as suggested. She will rework the surveys, adding links to additional information and bring them back to the group at the next meeting.

S Ahern also indicated the need for the group to discuss the additional scenarios and limit the survey to two choices of scenarios. D Grady felt that it was too early to limit the scenarios to two and did not want to include specific times. Concern was raised for the need for another survey with times included if the first did not include specific times. That would impact the time schedule for this group's work.

The group discussed and came to consensus that the initial scenarios would be off the table based on the additional costs for transportation. The additional scenarios were further discussed. Model F was ruled out. S Ahern recommended that the other subcommittees, particularly before and after school scrutinized the three additional models (E2, E4, and E5) with Chris Naylor, Director of Lifelong Learning to further identify impacts.

O Harrington raised the question as to how the data will be compiled and analyzed? S Ahern and M Goodman to further research, discuss and report back.

VI. Other

Next meeting on November 19, 2018. Subcommittees should attempt to meet between now and then.

VII. Motion to adjourn by M Linden, second by V Zub (unanimous) at 8:50pm