

Expanded Learning Time
Middle School Committee
October 9, 2007

Attendance: Todd, Sue, Cathy, Nancy, Ruth, Shannon

- We looked at the proposed schedule
- We need to see the proposed calendar
- We would like to see hard numbers – survey the staff
 - Do you want ELT to happen – yes or no?
 - If ELT does happen, would you be interested in participating?
 - What do you think of the 9 extra days?
 - We need to have 60% of the teaching staff on board
- Community
 - Playwriting – Chester Miniature Theatre – have students act rather than paid actors
 - We could have GYAA come in as a partner and offer a soccer clinic or referee clinics
 - HEC After-school program could overlap in the last period (Academic Support/tutorial time)

Tonight Focus on the Second area: *Finalize school's schedule of course offerings*

Exploratory Period

Students could sign up for four per year, rotate in quarters or they could choose 3 and have the fourth be teacher-selected (differentiated Academic Support groups, extended writing, etc.)

Students will be graded, just as “Specials” are

Students' preferred elective classes (top choices):

- Visual Arts – cartooning, sculpture
- Performing Arts – drama, dance
- Music/Chorus
- Science, Engineering, Technology – forensic science, meteorology, biotechnology, robotics, graphic design, video design, web design, etc.
- Foreign Language

Next time: Oct 23rd, 6:00