

## EXPANDED LEARNING TIME

Elementary Meeting March 18, 2007 @ 4:30-5:45PM

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Attending: Julia Belliveau, Susan Henson, Laurie Jasmin, Debi Robbins, Melissa Saunders, Dr. Hopson, Joanne Blocker.

Sharing of information from UMass Conference

D. Robbins: Came away with a new viewpoint\*.

"A Redesigned school day\*not just longer at school."

EX: Hiatt School -

2 hr literacy block - uninterrupted, no OT, PT, pullouts, etc.

Reading taught by all teachers who are in the building for that time period: gym, music, art (with prof. development provided)

Expanded lunch time

Morning meeting

Homework as a block in PM session so it is done when students go home for the day

Enrichment activities\*based on data driven on needs of students Ex: Geometry - community came in offering Art & Math

Swimming program

?? Why did they want to expand?

Motivated Parents at this Charter school

Social Studies & Science can be increased with Community

Connections (Hancock Shaker Village) to match frameworks

Teachers at Hiatt worked closely with the Community partners to provide the enrichment, this would address the parental concerns about volunteers presenting program

Community Organizations\*.

Dr. H: intent is to compile Elem. MS & HS into one list

Coordinator- currently Dr. H. by default

\$\$ in budget to oversee\*. & recruit/screen/ service needs

necessary at the planning stage\*

to do CORI checks & then FT chasing leads

teacher/volunteer coordination and meeting student needs

\*\* Gather our needs first: then look at availability

VIDEO seen of Worcester school project

Our next step is gathering data\*.

Dr. Hopson brought copies of his PowerPoint / CRISIS or OPPORTUNITY??

Each Principal is working on their School Improvement Plans

How do we identify each schools (data driven) needs\*\*

Dr. H: The GRSD Dist. Math target is on the website\*Resource page.

D. Robbins. - We need to do a better job of educating the parents as to what we intend

Science and Social Studies have often been lost\*.

With expanded learning time, we can offer more time for Social Studies, Science, specials,,.

Morning meeting -offers community communication and connections

ELT: Need 95 minutes more (average) each day\*.

Flexible scheduling for 7 and 8 hr days for teachers

and staggered hours

Gather Data from Elem. Schools\*..

Shall we ask Principals\*.for breakdown\*.ELA, Science, Math, etc

Is a Math block 60 minutes? Can it be alternated with 2 30 min. sessions?

Start new day at 7:45 - arriving from 7:30 End time at 3:40 \*..

J. Blocker will "dream big" and design a new elementary day, without constraints of funding or staffing issues, to give the committee a starting point.

J. Belliveau will ask Tom Nadolny and D. Robbins will ask Wendy Woods to do the same.

Another conference at UMass 05/01/07 \* Mass 2020

Looking at 2008 year implementation\*

NEXT MEETING --- MONDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>; 4:30 at Littleville