

EXPANDED LEARNING TIME STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 21, 2007

Attending: Tom Nadolny, Todd Gazda, Hal Martin, Janice Doppler, Ginny Maxwell, Wendy Long, Kathleen McSweeney

Reports from other committees:

- Elementary – parent response to survey was overwhelmingly against expanding learning time.
- Middle School – overwhelming support from parents and faculty on surveys, student interest survey is being developed, and after review of data the committee wants to focus on physical activity, math, and science.
- High School – parent response to survey was overwhelmingly against expanding learning time.

Steering Committee Discussion:

- In spite of the negative response by elementary and high school parents, planning will continue because ideas that emerge during the process may help improve schools even if learning time is not expanded.
- Mass 2020 has ideas to share about dealing with high school athletics.
- Steering Committee minutes will be sent to the other committees.
- Questions to be answered at the appropriate time
 1. What changes must be made in length of school day?
 2. Might changes in vacation schedule be made?
 3. Swap elementary and secondary starting time?
 4. Who are potential partners?

Planning for Joint Meeting in April

1. Date
 - a. First choice – Tuesday, April 24
 - b. Second choice – Thursday, April 26
2. Time – 6:30 – 8:00 pm
3. Structure
 - a. Elementary, middle, high each have 20 minutes to report on
 - b. Survey results
 - c. Ideas for redesigning the day (changing the educational program)
 - d. Next steps (including getting news out to the public)
 - e. Other
4. Each report summarized on chart paper (provided by Kathy McSweeney) with reports next to each other for easy comparison.
5. Serve food in foyer.

District Meeting for Stakeholders

1. Date – sometime during the week after graduation
2. Location – GHS Performing Arts Center, lower level only (unless it fills to overflowing).
3. Publicity
 - a. Wendy Long will use usual venues
 - b. Principals phone parents – either personally or made using automatic phone system
 - c. Series of house parties to describe the plan was suggested, not decided upon
4. Presentation – initial ideas are to:
 - a. Show Mass 2020 video
 - b. Describe the day at each level
 - c. Invite PTOs to do a bake sale in conjunction with meeting