

## **EXPANDED LEARNING TIME MEETING**

### **MAY 24, 2007**

**Attending:** Tom Nadolney, Hal Martin, Kathleen McSweeney, Todd Gazda, David Hopson, Cheryl Hopson, Ginny Maxwell, Jeanene Iglesias, Wendy Long

#### **Notes:**

1. Public Session in June:
  - Challenge of getting people to come?
  - We need to do June meeting to fulfill the timeline we have to work under;
  - SC has to approve in July (plan) for presentation of preliminary plan to DOE in August;
  - Make it real, launch the community “buzz”;
  - Have to cover why we need it, what it is going to do for us, and how it is going to work;
  - Should show current schedule with proposed schedule so parents can really see the difference in opportunities, pace of the day for young children (longer lunches, recess);
  - Decision matrix or timeline for moving forward with that;
  - Handouts from Mass 2020 (myth-busters)
  - State outlook
  - Put some hot topics in the brochures marketing the meeting; NEXT STEP TOWARD ELT; open to parents and community members;
  - Is it the whole district or will we pilot this in MS/Elementary school (Dave: we don’t know yet—continue to move forward as though it is the entire district until we are further along)
  
2. Summer Dates/upcoming meetings::
  - June 6 ELT
  - June 20 Public Hearing on ELT
  - June 25 ELT Steering Committee
  - July 11 School Committee presentation/vote
  - August 28 ELT Steering Committee
  
3. Clarification from DOE:
  - We do not need to have a signed agreement from the GTA until December
  
4. Some/not all schools going to ELT?:
  - We cannot make those kinds of decisions without parent input, etc.
  - We have 60-70% of parents who did not respond;
  
5. Miscellaneous:
  - Dave, Diane U. and Celeste C. are going to a DOE meeting in June on high schools doing ELT
  - Need to emphasize the opportunities that can be made available to kids through ELT – ie: business courses, life skills, more foreign languages, Perkins programs (HS); restore carpentry at the MS and programs that will keep kids engaged and in school, social skills development;