

**Mashpee Public Schools: School Start Time Committee (SSTC)**  
**Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (3:30 – 4:45 PM) QS Rm 137 (MINUTES)**

**PRESENT:** SSTC members: Patty DeBoer, Paul LaBelle, Kris Jones, Chris Santos, Kristen Boyd, Brian Brodie, Matt Auger, Robin Geggatt, MaryKate O'Brien, Mary Bradbury, Matt Triveri  
Also present: Guests—Sharon DeFrancesco, David Gomes, Laura Ware

**ABSENT:** SSTC members: Mark Balestracci, Sarah Provencher, Don Myers, Tannah O'Brien, Dr. Peter Edwards, Ruth Provost

**3:34 PM:** Meeting opened

**3:35 PM:** 9/7/16 SSTC Minutes were discussed and approved

**3:38 PM:** Patty DeBoer shared how the information-sharing meetings (September and October) went (See items #1 – #7 on our 9/7/17 minutes; Matt Auger provided feedback from the parent presentations; Paul LaBelle spoke about the faculty discussion at his school.

**3:45 PM:** Patty DeBoer shared what was learned when she attended a regional planning meeting sponsored by the Falmouth Public Schools on 10/24/16—specific to school start times. In addition to Patty, Plymouth school committee members and central office staff, Barnstable school committee members, Falmouth school committee members and central office staff, and a Dartmouth school committee member were present at this planning/sharing meeting.

**3:50 PM:** Patty DeBoer shared progress on creating an infomercial to air on Mashpee TV during November and December. Shane Kinsman is creating the video. For the video he has interviewed SSTC members Principal Balestracci, Matt Auger, Tannah O'Brien, Patty DeBoer, Dr. Edwards, Brian Brodie, Sarah McKenzie (non-committee member-parent), and Dr. Hooshmand (non-committee member—pediatrician consultant)

**3:55 PM:** We discussed the School Start Time Committee's presentation to the School Committee—scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>. Patty DeBoer will take the lead on this and present. Time will be included in our presentation for parents to share their perspectives (separate from the public comment section of the meeting).

**4:05 PM:** We discussed possible additional expenses related to changing our school start times—adding an additional bus and providing financial support to the before-school program current provided to elementary students by the Mashpee Recreation Department. Our goal is to support our families so this change does not create a financial burden for any family. We are currently exploring every bus route with the goal of reducing the number of bus stops to lessen the time a student spends on the bus—to improve efficiency while still maintaining safety. Changes will be communicated to parents and rolled out on a bus-by-bus basis as they are adjusted—starting during the current school year.

**4:10 PM:** We discussed MMHS school-day schedules and also sports program schedules with the proposed change in start time.

**4:35 PM:** We set our next meeting for **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, at 3:30 PM in the Quashnet Library

**4:40 PM:** Meeting adjourned

**Approved: 12/7/16 P. DeBoer**