

Mashpee Public Schools: School Start Time Committee (SSTC)
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 (3:35 – 4:35 PM) QS Library (MINUTES)

PRESENT: SSTC members: Patty DeBoer, Mark Balestracci, MaryKate O'Brien, Kristen Boyd, Robin Geggatt, Sarah Provencher, Tannah O'Brien, Mary Bradbury

Also in attendance: Sharon DeFrancesco—Parent; Latoya Green—Parent

ABSENT: SSTC members: Paul LaBelle, Matt Triveri, Brian Brodie, Kristine Jones, Matt Auger, Dr. Peter Edwards, Ruth Provost

3:35 PM: SSTC Meeting opened

3:36 PM: 12/7/16 SSTC Minutes were reviewed and approved.

3:38 PM: We discussed the draft data collection surveys. One survey will be sent to all parents of current PreK-Grade 5 students; the other survey will be sent to parents of current Grades 6 -11 students. Both surveys were edited. The PreK-5 survey will contain 7 questions—the last being the parent's first/last name. The Grades 6 – 11 survey will contain 3 questions—the last being the parent's first/last name. Since the surveys contain data collection questions versus opinion questions, we are hopeful most parents will provide a name. This will allow us to reach out a second time to those who don't respond. The Committee decided to send the surveys out on Thursday, January 12, 2017 (AM)—via an email that contains a link to the survey. The PreK-5 survey is seeking information as to the number of students who will enroll in the before-school childcare program and the time they will probably be dropped off. The Grades 6 – 11 survey is seeking to find out the number of older students who need to be home in the afternoon to supervise their younger siblings when they get home from KCC or Quashnet.

4:10 PM: We briefly discussed the first School Start Time national conference taking place in Washington DC in April. The main focus of this conference is to share more data on the topic and also to help cities and towns reach a goal of later start times for their adolescent learners. We also reviewed the highlights of a Kentucky study which focused on start times for elementary-aged learners. Three emails of concern from parents were shared. Latoya Green—author of one of the emails—also shared her thoughts and concerns about later start times for Mashpee's elementary students. Sarah Provencher shared information about a TedTalk that discusses school start time—linked here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0Zj_InJ4BQ&sns=em This link will be added to our SSTC Blog.

4:35 PM: Meeting adjourned. We did not set a meeting day/time for our next meeting.

Note: The Mashpee School Committee postponed taking a vote on changing school start times in Mashpee from its January 4, 2017 meeting to its February 1, 2017 meeting. Survey data will be shared at the February School Committee meeting.

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