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## **Minutes Calendar Committee**

Calendar Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 8, 2008  
12:30 PM

Present: Alan Hawkins, Debbie Butterworth, Tom Eismeier, Shari Robinson, Sarah Simmonds, Steve Connolly, Trish Brigham Dwight Ely, Sue Weatherbie, Troy Henninger, Kathy Walsh, Keith Weatherbie

### **I.School Hours**

Committee members shared feedback from colleagues on the proposed change in school day hours. Biggest concern seemed to be impact on athletic schedules and frequency with which students might need to leave school to participate in athletic/other extracurricular events.

Keith Weatherbie addressed the athletic concerns, indicating, in summary, that with some adjustments to late bus, and practice times, the later dismissal time would not be a major problem. Keith mentioned that he might propose to other AD that contests involving long distance travel might be scheduled on Saturdays. Keith did address the early dismissal situation and indicated, that he did not feel that the number of early dismissals would be significantly larger than currently occurs. Exceptions might be field hockey, Nordic ski and golf. However, this would not involve large numbers of students. The Committee also felt that other schools may follow our lead, so that in the long term, these problems might dissipate.

After some discussion and consideration of various iterations of school schedule, the committee decided upon the following:

PC 8:50AM -3:20PM  
MS 8:10AM -2:40PM  
HS- 8:15 AM - 2:45PM

MS and HS will ride the same bus.

This schedule seemed to be a compromise for all schools, athletics and community services programs, yet still moves us in the direction we want to go, which is later starts for teens.

The Committee recognizes that in the first year of implementation there may be challenges which arise. In order to capture these and collect the data in an organized manner, so that issues can be addressed, a task force will be created. This sub committee will

collect "complaints" and issues and provide vehicle for follow-up and resolution. Shari, Sue and Trish tentatively volunteered for this assignment.

## II. Professional Development time

Committee discussed best way to schedule and utilize professional development time, i.e. early release ( does not involve K-12) vs. full days. Also looked at when to schedule the days. Preference was for full days as they are most efficient and offer opportunities for K-12 work.

## III. Calendar for 2008-09

The Committee spent the remainder of the meeting working on the actual calendar for next year. As there are some extenuating circumstances next year- Presidential election, December holidays which forced some potentially controversial decisions, - the calendar will be put on the website for review by the public.

The Committee will reconvene after receiving feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 3PM

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