

Mr. Einhorn said regarding afternoon athletics, the middle school starts earlier than most middle schools but we would make that work. Most middle school students are not employed but many take care of siblings after school.

Dr. Erardi said there would be no additional cost with the high school at a 7:20 a.m. start time. Mr. Harrison said that from October 10 to November 5 mornings will be dark at the bus stops. Dr. Erardi would research that.

Mrs. Davila asked if this would eliminate middle school students waiting in the cafeteria. Mr. Dufour said there would be a 20-minute window before starting school.

Mr. Cruson asked if Dr. Erardi's suggestion would cause concern from the elementary parents to meet the 7:30 a.m. mark. He asked about putting the high school in tier 1 at 7:50 a.m.

Dr. Erardi said there needs to be research on appropriate start times.

Mrs. Davila feels that teacher professional development should be looked at also. Teachers in K-5 and 6-12 are hindered with this option.

Dr. Erardi referred to Mr. Cruson's option with the high school on tier 1 moving them back 30 minutes. The question is do we want to bring back at least a 30 minutes to make a significant change. Anything less than 30 minutes should not be considered. Everyone agreed to at least a 30-minute change for the high school.

Dr. Rodrigue didn't want to put a time frame on that increase if we find 20 minutes will be proposed.

Dr. Erardi said we have to be concerned around the elementary children coming home first and have to be unified going forward on how we feel about that.

Mr. Einhorn said the first middle school bus arrives at 6:45 a.m. and the students don't go to homeroom until 7:10 a.m. It would be good to eliminate that wait time.

Mr. Dufour said the first middle school pickup is 6:10 a.m.

Mrs. Fonovic said Reed students will wait 20 minutes also.

Mrs. Davila noted that wake up time is a parent issue.

Dr. Erardi spoke about the four subgroups: Research
After School Impact
Tier Options, and
Contractual Implications

The Research group should include Mrs. Davila, Mrs. Ku and Mr. Vouros.

The After School Impact group should include student voices in intermediate and high school.

The Tier Option group should include Mr. Dufour and Dr. Erardi would take care of the contractual implications. There should be a sub chair for each group

Subcommittees should meet by April 17 with an update at the April 24 meeting.

May will be dedicated to research and options for the school board including the cost and tiers.

For the April 24 meeting Dr. Erardi will bring in private school representatives regarding impact on those schools.

Mrs. Ku asked how this will affect Abbott Tech and Nonnewaug High School.

Mr. Dufour would take care of that.

Dr. Erardi said at this time each member should look at the options and think about what they feel is best.

Mr. Vouros felt it important to crosscheck finances.

The meeting ended at 10:58 a.m.

Submitted by: Kathy June