Newton South School Council Meeting

May 8, 2008

**I. Welcome and re-Introduction**

New parent: Jane Hirschhorn.

Michelle Luo, Ricardo Gessa, Marcia Okun, Deborah Bernhard, Dan Rubin, Charlie Myette, Kathy Sabet, Hema Roychowdhury, Risa Shames, Martha Hausman, May Chiu, Amelia Pennell, Rebecca Levy

**II. Principal’s Update by Charlie and Dan**

Scheduling committee: Faculty meeting heard this already. Process slowed down, need more in-depth discussion with faculty based on feedback from them.

Five issues: flex time, all long blocks v. different block lengths, 7 v 8 block, length of cycle, number of class meets per cycle (re minor classes). Spent faculty meeting on flex time. Need to do due diligence.

Joel’s message: helpful for council to pen letter to school committee reminding still concerned about start time. Need before end of school year. Better to read to it.

Dan—timeline out the window. No new timeline. Fall 2019 not ruled out.

**III. High School Late Start — Schedule Update**

Where are we in terms of late start time?

Letter: Letter for the 30th or Jun 11th? Need to get to 8:30, have that in letter. Point of letter, want late start time important, do not want it hijacked by schedule committee. Say important!!!!

Draft Letter: Martha & Risa will report back in June meeting with draft of the letter.

Charlie: NNHS school council has a committee, police, etc. around traffic and safety patterns. Want to join? Or do separately?

May will reach out and see if makes sense to join or do separately? Each school has individual geography.

**III. Minutes Review — 4/03/18 Meeting**

**IV. Working Groups Develop Actions Steps and Timeline**

Break out into action groups.

*Deb: pilot in one class, Friday lunch block where Freshman classes join and present remarks to others.*

Hema: senior podcast for future students.

V. Next Steps

Plan to invite new school committee members in the fall.

Will send out 5 question survey about teacher-student connectivity with prompts and I statements such as “I feel personally noticed when a teacher…”

Plan Freshman Faces for next February

June meeting, go over above: letter, answers, recordings, etc. June 12 next meeting