

SLT 11-14-18

- No changes that need to be made to last months minutes
- Jen- possible later MS start time
  - Explained rationale for a later MS start time: long commute time, having to leave early even when it is dark, studies show benefits of sleep
  - Asking about a 15-20 minute delay.
  - Current MS hours are 8:00-2:20.
  - Inhibiting factors: LMS lessons ,building restrictions, music teacher restrictions, after-school support with teachers, after-school clubs
  - Can't do 8:20 because of music lessons, could do 8:15 and make first period 45 min (but will lose some time due to student lateness)
  - Can investigate: look at time regulations and master schedule
- Safety Meeting Update:
  - Head safety agent & APO -
  - New level 3 safety agent at MLK (supervisor) - is great and learning new policies and procedures
  - Meeting next month with Kate Sheeran (executive director) to discuss fire drills, lockdown drills, etc. Want to tighten up policies at Kaufman. MLK is better organized
- Completed our CEP at last meeting and submitted it to the superintendent. Some goals have been modified, especially around measuring our progress and goals.
  - School survey- need to increase participation. Provide a benefit or withhold something. Perhaps a free recycle bag for everyone who turns it in
  - Next meeting will revise February target for Music goal
    - survey could be inside the choral concert handout.
  - Equity goal: concerns around wording
  - SWD goal- reviewed goals
  - HS teachers- will come up with 3 questions about a more building wide “welcoming tone”
  - Science goal- okay as written

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Kaufman Room 602, 3:00

- 1) Review and approve minutes
- 2) School Start Time: Jen Laing
- 3) Safety Meeting Update
- 4) Updated goals: identify next steps and share with constituent groups.

- a) By June 2019, K-5 science teachers will implement two Amplify units in grades K-5 resulting in students demonstrating a 10% growth of each curriculum unit as measured by pre and post assessments and a 85% mastery of content overall.
  - b) By June 2019, the SMS High School will ensure a safe and welcoming environment by developing clear policies and procedures for student scanning as measured by a 10% increase in student feeling a welcoming tone as measured by the surveys administered in the Learning Collectives.
  - c) By June 2019, the 9-12 math and science teachers will collaboratively develop modifications and differentiation strategies aligned with CCLS standards to improve rigorous instruction as evidenced by 70% pass rate among students with disabilities on Regents examinations in Algebra 1, Geometry, Living Environments and Chemistry.
  - d) By June 2019, the Equity Team will make recommendations based on an internal review for the modification of admissions resulting in an increase of 10% of minority and Title 1 applicants as measured by enrollment data.
  - e) By June 2019, community and parent awareness and participation in three whole school (K-12) music celebration that bridge the elementary, middle and high school communities will result in a 10% increase in parent participation in the NY School Survey.
- 5) CEP Signature Page
  - 6) Next meeting: 12/19/18, 3pm KMC room 602

## Middle School Start Time

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade conducted an informal poll of its families, asking if any would be interested in exploring the possibility of a slightly later start time. Of 16 families polled, 12 responded very enthusiastically. Of those families, four have children leaving between 6:45 and 6:50am and four more leave at 7am in order to make it to school by the 8am start time.

Factors to consider:

- Sleep:

Research points to the benefits of more sleep facilitated by a later school start time.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/early/2014/08/19/peds.2014-1697.full.pdf>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/22/well/family/the-science-of-adolescent-sleep.html?action=click&module=RelatedCoverage&pgtype=Article&region=Footer>

- Commute:

Students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade leave as early as 6:30am in order to arrive at school on time. Some are commuting alone on dark streets and subways before 7am.

Our middle school is on the same arrival schedule as LaGuardia, and the same arrival and dismissal schedule as 5 of the 6 schools within MLK, which creates tremendous crowding in and around the 66<sup>th</sup> street subway station at the beginning and end of the school day.

By moving our start time 15-30 minutes we could prevent our middle school students from having to interact with so many much larger and often rowdy high schoolers.

Start and end times of other citywide schools:

Nest: 8:20am-2:40pm

Anderson: 8:20am-2:40pm

TAG Young Scholars: 8:05-2:25pm

Brooklyn School of Inquiry: 8:30am-2:50pm

Mark Twain: 8am-2:45pm

Q300: 8:50am-3:10pm

SLT Minutes 10/17/18

Kaufman Room 605, 3:00 PM

Attendance: Shannon Potts, Rehanna Bertram, Sandra Noreen, Nicole Honrado, Katie Banucci-Smith, Kristin Sposito

1. Review and approve minutes
2. Bylaw review, revision as needed, approval
  - a. Draft for non-approved minutes
  - b. Amended and approved on 10/17/18
3. District 3 SLT Training Tomorrow, 10/18
4. Subcommittee action plan formation
  - a. February and June measurements for progress needed for each goal
  - b. Goals and February and June measurements for progress were placed in school CEP