

School Start Time Committee
Council Chambers
June 19, 2017
10:30 a.m.

Present:	J. Erardi	K. Joyce	T. Napolitano
	E. Aho (absent)	M. Ku	C. Geissler
	A. Colangelo (absent)	M. Memoli (absent)	R. Bienkowski
	D. Cruson (absent)	D. Roach (absent)	T. Vadas
	J. Davila (absent)	L. Rodrigue	11 Public
	J. Fonovic (absent)	J. Vouros	
	T. Harrison (absent)	H. Werner	

Dr. Erardi reviewed the three attached options. Plan A is revised Option 5 and drops off at Reed first and doubles back to each elementary school. Three or four buses for each elementary school will pick up Reed students first and then go to the appropriate elementary school. There is additional ride time for the Reed students.

Plan B is at no cost and eliminates the shuttle. Each principal shared their safety plan. This offers the same conceptual design as tier one and flip flops the start times for Reed and the elementary schools. The elementary runs in the morning will be about the same time as current drop-offs. The afternoon runs have elementary schools pickup up first and then the buses go to Reed. This will be a longer ride for elementary students.

Plan 3 has Reed and the elementary schools starting at the same time. Elementary buses will arrive by 8:50 a.m. and then drop the Reed students off by 9:05. The afternoon buses will pick up Reed students and then go to the elementary schools with all elementary students on board by the time they arrive. Reed students would then board the appropriate buses.

Mr. Vouros said that optimizing the bus stops is key. If one of these plans goes through we will have to look and see if it needs to be adjusted.

Dr. Rodrigue wants us to emphasize no loss of instructional time.

Ms. Ku thought we should look at pick-up times for the high school and middle school students who stay after.

Dr. Erardi was confident that when we have ridership in place there may be a marginal increase in travel time in tier one. He believes this is a health issue and that 40 minutes will make a difference for the middle and high school students.

Nancy White, parent, had concerns regarding Hawley and the shuttle plan because there was not much room there.

He was going to ask Mr. Moretti to call her and explain the plan.

Mrs. White said there are drivers complaining of traffic on Church Hill Road. She was concerned if it gets blocked off.

Dr. Erardi planned to send parents a document with additional questions and answers.

The meeting ended at 10:26 a.m.

Submitted by: Kathy June