



Middle School Schedule Advisory Group

10/23/2014

1. Introductions – present: Jeanne Bach, Bryan Berreth, Steve Clarke, Michael Copland, Jennifer Cowan, Jeannie Hayden, Randy Holmes, Breann Hulford, Robert Kalahan, Robert Knickerehm, Morgan Schwab, Ronni Weston, Stephanie Strow, Sam Pryor, Josh Meese. Absent: James Walsh
2. Points for discussion
 - Purpose – consider schedule possibilities that best serve the needs of students at the middle level.
 - Process – work group to present, discuss and prioritize a variety of schedule options eventually reaching consensus on a schedule that best serves students.
 - Product – Present schedule proposal to Exec Team and Dr. Baker
3. Establish Driving Factors/Priorities/Goals:
 - Provide more opportunities for students through increased enrichment/exploratory program offerings (world language, music, art, tech...)
 - Maintain middle level philosophy
 - Increase collaboration time for teachers
 - Ensure we have space and resources resulting for proposed schedule
 - Consider late ending time of current schedule (3:45 too late?)
 - Examine RtI to determine efficiencies and best practices
 - Consider staffing implications, ensuring hiring timeline and FTE allows for quality staff to be hired into proposed positions
4. Determine Timeline and meeting dates
 - Meet 2 x's per month through December (Sheri to set future dates)
 - Thursday or Friday mornings preferable – 7:45-8:45
 - Next meeting Nov 7th @ 7:45 (team to bring schedules for review/discussion)
 - Proposal to Exec Team/Dr. Baker
5. Takeaways / homework for next time:
 - Robert/Stephanie to work up additional schedule for review that incorporates teaming concept with robust elective program

- Stephanie/Mike to look for short read on MS philosophy and send ahead of next meeting
- Group agreement that whatever schedule we land on should include two full year elective program periods, and an extension of the student day to seven hours (adding 30 mins to current schedule).