

The Watershed School

Academic Policy Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2021

1) Welcome and call to order

- a. Commenced: 6:06 pm
- b. APC in attendance: Jason, Jarrod, Amy, Moira, Becky, Abigail, Renee, Dave
- c. Zoom total participants: 16

2) Review Minutes

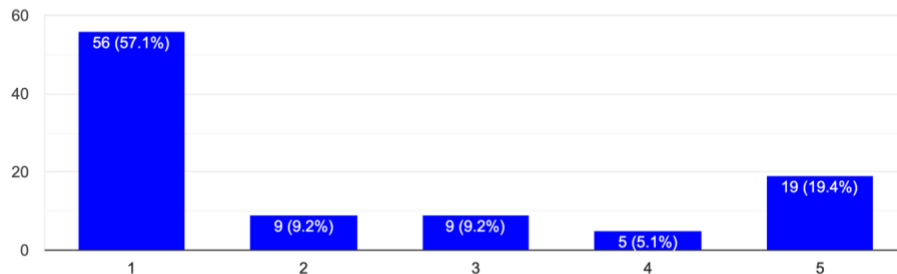
- a. No edits
- b. Motion to accept: Amy, 2nded: Becky
- c. Passes with no objections.

3) Principal Report

- a. Start/end times and Busing options
 - i. Option A: 7:35-2:05 with AM and PM busing using HS/MS shuttles-visiting all neighborhoods
 - ii. Option B: 8:40-3:10 with PM busing using east side/west side shuttles to elementary schools.
 - iii. Option C: 8:30-3:00 with AM busing using HS/MS shuttles
 - iv. Option D: 8:40-3:10 with AM & PM busing using HS/MS shuttles in AM and PM busing using east side/west side shuttles to elementary schools.
 - v. Option E: 8:30-3:00 with no busing
- b. Survey results
 - i. 98 responses, 10 were staff

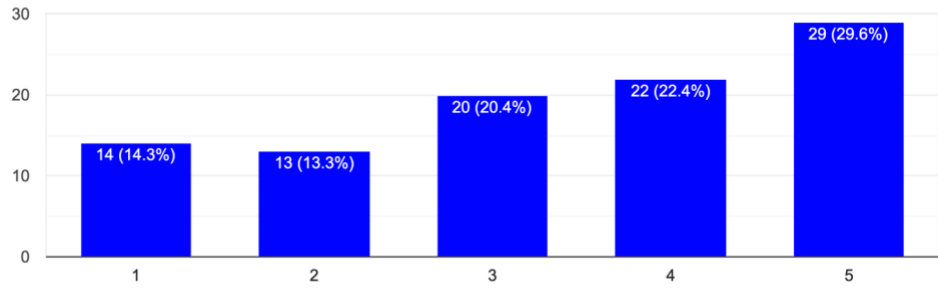
Option A:

Option A: School hours: 7:35-2:05. This option provides both AM and PM shuttle busing. In the morning, students ride from their home to neighb...sfer to neighborhood routes and home bus stops.
98 responses



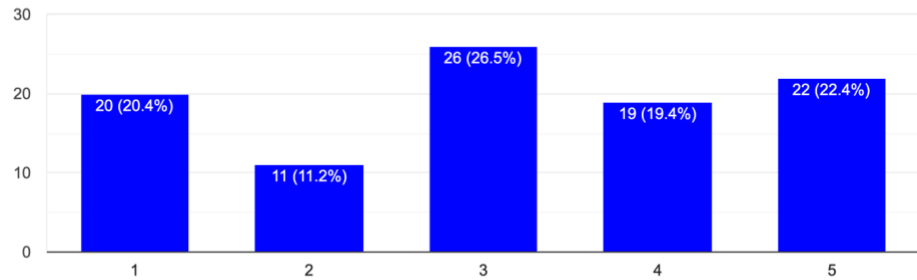
ii. Option B:

Option B: School hours: 8:40-3:10. This option provides afternoon busing only. Shuttles to west side schools (UPark, Pearl Creek, Woodriver) leave at 3:00 p.m. on a regular route - to the Weller and Fort Wainwright areas.
98 responses



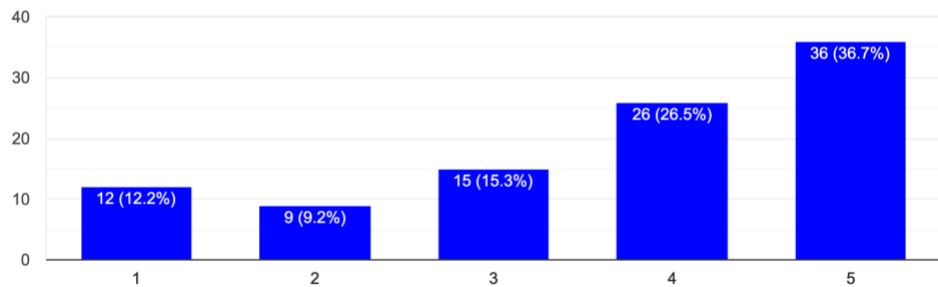
iii. Option C:

Option C: School hours: 8:30-3:00. This option offers AM busing only. Students ride from their home bus stop to their neighborhood high school, then around 8:10 (20 minutes prior to school starting).
98 responses



iv. Option D: had the most points

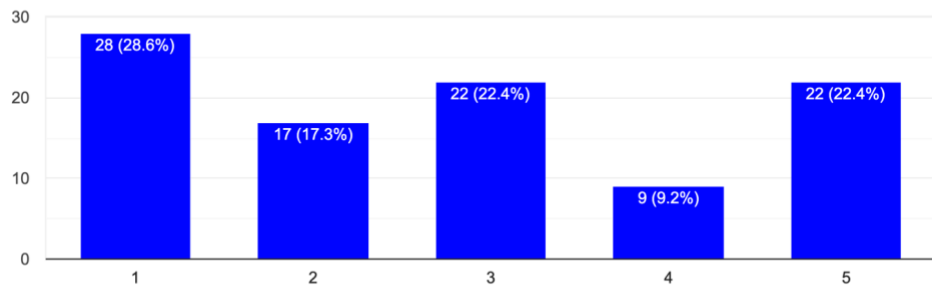
Option D: School hours 8:40-3:10. This is a combination of Options B and C. Morning busing is provided using Option C method: home->neighborhood bus from Watershed to home bus stops.
98 responses



v. Option E:

Option E: School hours: 8:30-3:00. No busing

98 responses



- c. Dave asked if the start/stop times with rest of district is “set in stone”.
 - i. Yes, to the best as we can tell. The busing schedule is pretty set.
- d. Jason asked is there a cost consideration for Watershed?
 - i. District is required to offer busing, so Watershed doesn’t incur any busing fees.
 - ii. Cost for Watershed would be staffing time for supervision of kids until they got on the bus, but it’s not an additional cost because we’ve been doing this in previous years.

4) Public Testimony

- a. Written
 - i. Reggie: 7:30am start would be awesome for parents that start work at 8:00, whether their child(ren) ride the bus or not. Also, this option clearly provides the most busing opportunities (am and pm) as well as the least amount of bus transferring. This option also provides more afternoon time for students, families, and teachers, thereby enhancing quality of life, and may even encourage families to explore after-school activities they wouldn't have time for otherwise. Because this is also the high school schedule, Watershed students (and families) would be accustomed to school at this time, thus making the transition from Watershed to high school just a little more seamless for all. I ask that the APC please strongly consider the many advantages Option A provides over the other options presented. Thank you! (Please make this public testimony at the upcoming APC meeting.)
- b. In-person
 - i. Sacha: In favor of options that have morning and afternoon busing so that we are accessible to all in the district. But also in favor of Option A for same reason stated in Written testimony (above).
 - ii. Jenn H: In favor offering busing. Prefers Option D. Doesn’t prefer Option A.

5) Action Item: School start and end times for 2021-2022 School Year.

- a. APC Discussion
 - i. Dave: I’m a morning person, but going 10 minutes later than our previous 8:30-3:00 schedule is not terrible.
 - ii. Jason: Offering as much busing to folks in community is great. Personally, sticking with schedule as it has been or as closely is best. Also, considering sleep schedule, not in favor of 7:30 start

- iii. Becky: It would be hard for middle school kids to start at 7:30 given some already have tardies at 8:30 start time. There may be difficulty for elementary kids to arrive on time if going earlier, too.
 - iv. Amy: likes AM/PM busing. Working families could utilize the busing in AM and PM. Outings in the winter would be difficult if we go earlier (buses need to be back by 1pm when we started at 8:30), and we would be missing out on some of the sunshine hours.
 - v. Kelly: AM/PM busing good for all in community. Personally, prefer the later start.
 - vi. Jarrod: HS will start at 7:30, so AM busing on Option A would mean probably a 7am bus pick up. Staff kids come with staff, so Option A is real early, especially if they do extra curricular activities in the PM. It would make for a long day.
 - vii. Moira: Would be great to offer busing.
 - viii. Renee: Some families live remotely that require 45 min drive, so 7:30 is super early...lots of tardies could add up. Likes busing.
 - ix. Abigail: Likes Option A because early riser, but she realizes she doesn't have kids to worry about getting to school. Prefers busing to be available.
- b. **Motion to adopt Option D (8:40-3:10 with AM & PM busing using HS/MS shuttles in AM and PM busing using east side/west side shuttles to elementary schools) for the 2021-2022 School Year.**
- i. Moved by: Dave, 2nded: Amy
 - ii. Passes unanimously

6) Next meeting date:

- a. August 11.

7) Adjourn

- a. Renee moved to adjourn, 2nded: Becky
- b. Time: 6:50 pm