

May 6, 2021

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WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

REVISED AGENDA

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

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WORK SESSION:

1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 7B and 9H

MINUTES:

1. Minutes: March 25, 2021 (page 1)

DISCUSSION:

1. Proposed Schedule Modifications for Y2021-2022
 - Elementary Scheduling (pages 2-7)
 - Middle School Program Overview: Return to Scheduled Programming and Operations (pages 8-12)
 - Staples High School 2021-22 Daily Schedule (page 13)

Dr. Anthony Buono
Ms. Allison Moran
Ms. Beth Messler
Ms. Janna Sirowich
Mr. Kevin Cazzetta
Ms. Kimberly Ambrosio
Ms. Mary Lou DiBella
Mr. Adam Rosen
Mr. Micah Lawrence
Mr. Stafford Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting: March 25, 2021

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MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Administrators Present:

Jeannie Smith, Co-Chair
Youn Su Chao, Co-Chair

Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
Allison Moran, Interim Assistant Principal, LLS
Coordinator of Elementary Curriculum

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER:

1:13 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom and Googledoc, Pursuant to Executive Order 7B and 9H

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes: October 29, 2020 (Jeannie Smith moved to approve the minutes of October 29, 2020; seconded by Youn Su Chao (2-0 votes).

DISCUSSION / ACTION:

1. Middle School Mathematics Pathways Modification
2. Summer Learning Opportunities / ESSER Grant II

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Strazza



Elementary Scheduling

Planning for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

Considerations



- Periods that maximize instructional time
- Minimize programmatic changes
- WIN periods and small groups during instructional blocks
- Provide students with longer recess time
- Return to an hour math period daily
- Add a library and technology period to K-2 schedules
- Time for staff collaboration

Special Areas



- 30 minute periods for special areas
- Art remains 60 minutes
- Addition of K-2 ITL period
- Addition of P.E. period in grades 3-5

Literacy, Math, Science & Social Studies



- **Math:** 45 minutes in Kindergarten, 60 minutes in Gr 1-5
- **Literacy:** Between 90-120 minutes daily
- **Science/SS:** 90 minutes a week

Lunch & Recess



- 30 minute lunch and recess daily
- Can be split apart to create opportunities for social breaks throughout the day

Sample Schedule



	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
9:00					
9:15	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
9:30					
9:45					
10:00					
10:15					
10:30	Music	PE	PE	Music	Art
10:45					
11:00	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	PE	
11:15					
11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:45					
12:00	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN	WIN
12:15					
12:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
12:45					
1:00					
1:15					
1:30					
1:45	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
2:00					
2:15	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
2:30					
2:45		Science/SS		Science/SS	Science/SS
3:00					
3:15					
3:30	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle
3:45	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

Middle School Program Overview: Return to scheduled programming and operations

Teaching and Learning Committee
May 2021

Middle School Hours for 2021-22:
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Overview

- Daily morning Homeroom
- 9 period day
- Advisory (aka Connections at BMS; Prime Time at CMS)

Core Subjects

- Language Arts
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science

Advisory

- RULER
- Team Building
- Skills-based activities

Encore Subjects

- Design and Engineering (STEM)
- World Language
- Art
- Theater Arts
- Physical Education
- Health
- Music

Ex. Daily
 schedule
 featuring daily
 double-block
 core instruction

Gr. 6 ENCORE: Periods 3, 8, 9 Gr. 7 ENCORE: Periods 4, 5, 7 Gr. 8 ENCORE: Periods 1, 2, 6					
Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:39 9 minutes	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
8:42-9:23 41 minutes	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1
9:26-10:07 41 minutes	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2
10:10-10:51 41 minutes	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3	Gr. 8 Period 2	Gr. 6 Period 3
10:54-11:35 41 minutes	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 7 Period 5
11:38-12:19 41 minutes	Gr. 7 Period 4 LUNCH	Gr. 7 Period 4 LUNCH	Gr. 7 Period 4 LUNCH	Gr. 7 Period 4 LUNCH	Gr. 7 Period 4 LUNCH
12:22-1:03 41 minutes	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 8 Period 6	Gr. 8 Period 6
1:06-1:47 41 minutes	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 6 Period 8	Gr. 6 Period 8
1:50-2:31 41 minutes	Gr. 7 Period 7	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 7 Period 7 TLT/CORE	Gr. 7 Period 5	Gr. 7 Period 7
2:34-3:15 41 minutes	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9	Gr. 8 Period 1	Gr. 6 Period 9

Instructional Technology

- “One to One” All middle school students are assigned a Chromebook with protective case and charger
- Chromebooks are used in school and charged nightly at home
- No need to purchase new tech for middle school
- Assures common access for all students and IT management access for updates, testing

Looking ahead...

- Flexible learning groups; increased classroom movement
- Music concerts in strings, band and chorus
- Large group instruction & masters classes
- Live theatrical performances
- Field trips
- Before and after school clubs, specialty groups and activities
- Grade-level and large group assemblies

Staples High School 2021-22 Daily Schedule

	A	B	C	D
	8:00-8:45 1	8:00-8:45 2	8:00-8:45 3	8:00-8:45 4
	8:50-10:05 2	8:50-10:05 3	8:50-10:05 4	8:50-10:05 1
	Connections 10:10-10:30	Connections 10:10-10:30	Connections 10:10-10:30	Connections 10:10-10:30
	10:35-11:20 3	10:35-11:20 4	10:35-11:20 1	10:35-11:20 2
	11:25-11:55 5	11:25-11:55 6	11:25-11:55 7	11:25-11:55 8
	12:00-12:30 5	12:00-12:30 6	12:00-12:30 7	12:00-12:30 8
	12:35-1:05 5	12:35-1:05 6	12:35-1:05 7	12:35-1:05 8
	1:10-1:55 8	1:10-1:55 7	1:10-1:55 6	1:10-1:55 5
	2:00-2:45 7	2:00-2:45 8	2:00-2:45 5	2:00-2:45 6
	Drop 4 & 6	Drop 1 & 5	Drop 2 & 8	Drop 3 & 7