

Curriculum and Instruction Committee
November 20, 2019

In Attendance:

Tracy Baron	BOE Member
Shannon Stringer	BOE Member
Lisa Brady	Superintendent
Doug Berry	Asst. Superintendent

Discussion Items:

Lisa and Doug shared an update on the ongoing exploration of new schedule options for the MS and HS.

- The district conducted a Thought Exchange with teachers that asked the question
 - What are your thoughts and questions regarding proposed changes to the MS and HS Schedule?
- Feedback from teachers revealed concerns regarding changes in the schedule around issues of student absences, meeting the needs of students with learning needs, continuity of instruction and the loss of time with students among others
- Surrounding districts have indicated that they are moving away from existing block schedules and/or not moving toward implementing a block schedule format which presents a challenge for us
- Visits to districts that have been implementing block schedules over time revealed specific concerns and pitfalls with an a/b format
- Readiness does not currently exist for a change at the start of the 20-21 school year
- The MS/HS are exploring a strategy that would allow us to “pilot” longer blocks on selected Wednesdays during the remainder of this school year.
- This strategy would allow the organization to get to experience longer blocks and help us to identify our strengths, areas of need, concerns etc.
- Long Term - changes in the MS/HS schedule that allow for longer instructional blocks remains a priority. The correct strategy to get to that goal is of key importance.
- Focusing on the alignment and consistency of the schedule with IB philosophy and the profile as well as SEL is an important element.

To view the Thought Exchange report click here:

[MS/HS Schedule Change Thought Exchange](#)