

Common Schedule Work Group

Main points from meeting held Wed., Feb. 29, 2012

- Margot reviewed the tentative plans for the March 5 and March 7 Public Forums. The Work Group provided helpful feedback, noting that it is important for those in attendance to feel they have a genuine opportunity to provide feedback to the Work Group, superintendent, and school board.
- A decision was made to hold an additional Staff Forum on March 8 from 4 to 5:45.
- Work Group members discussed the need to identify "next steps" once a schedule is selected and to begin planning for them.
- Margot briefly described the three phases that are typically experienced during transitions: ending (thinking about losses), the neutral zone (waiting to learn what will come next), and beginnings (moving into something new).
- The Work Group completed the list of concerns for those not discussed at our last meeting (3x5 and 4x4).
- Individuals rated each of the three schedules (4x4, 2x7, and 3x5) according to the four criteria previously identified by the Work Group as highest priority.
- After reviewing the results of the ratings, the Work Group decided by consensus to eliminate the 2x7 from consideration.
- Given the scheduling complexities that continue to surface, it was suggested that non4J educators who are experienced in both the 4x4 and 3x5 schedule share some scheduling strategies with the Work Group at the March 12 meeting.
- Work Group members plan to attend the March 5 and 7 Public Forums to help explain the work we have been doing.