

Middle School Common Schedule Work Group

Main points from meeting held Wed., Jan. 9, 2013

- We reviewed the three main reasons the principals recommended moving to a common schedule in middle schools:
 - Potential for increasing student learning,
 - Reducing inequities for students and teachers, and
 - Potential for cost savings.
- We reviewed possibilities for financial savings and recognized that much remains unknown in this category.
- A recommendation to form an advisory study work group was added to the overall recommendation, which would provide time for more in depth study of advisory and allow sites to maintain status quo for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Perspectives from individual middle schools were shared with Roosevelt and Kelly providing more detailed information.
- The work group voted on the recommendation, using the following scale of 5 to 1. It was agreed that a vote of 2 or 1 indicated a lack of support of the proposal and 3, 4, or 5 indicated support.
 - 5 meant you loved the proposal and enthusiastically supported it.
 - 4 meant you liked the proposal and supported it.
 - 3 meant you sufficiently favored the proposal and wouldn't become an obstacle to carrying it out.
 - 2 meant you had more questions about the proposal.
 - 1 meant you couldn't support it.
- Two thirds of the work group supported the proposal. In total, 14 voted 3 or above, and 7 voted 2 or 1.
- The recommendation will be shared with the superintendent.