

ACADEMYDISTRICT20

MEETING NAME Parent Sounding Board (PSB)

DATE Wednesday, February 1, 2023

TIME 12:00 PM - 2:15 PM

LOCATION EAC – Spruce I & II

FACILITATORS Diane Eid & Heather Henneman, Co-Chairs and Tom Gregory, Superintendent

PRESENTATIONS & HANDOUTS Attached

NOTES

WELCOME: Co-Chairs Heather Henneman & Diane Eid

Heather Henneman welcomed the group and thanked them for their commitment to serve as a representative for their students' school.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT: Heather Cloninger, Director ASD20 Board of Education

(presentation attached)

Mrs. Cloninger shared information on recent Board of Education (BOE) activities and events. The group discussed the report, made inquiries, and provided comments.

START & END TIMES UPDATE: Dr. Jim Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Planning and Engagement, Dr. Susan Field, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Services, Brett Smith, Chief Operating Officer

Acting upon recommendations from the Academy District 20 (ASD20) School Start/End Times Committee, the district will modify school start/end times for all schools. This change goes into effect at the start of the 2023-24 school year.

The new start/end times follow a three-tier schedule. Currently the district follows a two-tier schedule. By starting/ending each level at its own time, the district will adhere to and follow best practices regarding adolescent sleep time. Additionally, the change creates sustainability for our transportation system and maximizes efficiency.

The proposed new times are as follows:

- Elementary School: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Middle School 8:50 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.*
- *(Challenger Middle School (CMS): 8:20 a.m. - 3:25 p.m. CMS shares the Black Forest bus transportation with Pine Creek High School due to the sparsity of riders from the Black Forest.)
- High School 8:10 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

[Read the full announcement on ASD20.ORG.](#)

Dr. Smith, Dr. Field, and Mr. Smith shared information on the recommendations given by the School Start/End Times Committee. The group discussed, made inquiries, and provided comments.

OUR MISSION | We educate and inspire students to thrive.

OUR VALUES | We believe people are the heart of our success.

We believe relationships matter.

We believe in quality education.

On February 3, 2023, ASD20 announced that the Proposed Start/End Times would be delayed until the 2024-25 school year. [Read the full announcement on ASD20.ORG.](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Tonya Thompson, General Counsel

(handout attached)

The Colorado General Assembly began its 2023 session on January 9th. Approximately forty bills pertaining to K-12 have been introduced. The source of information below is the Colorado General Assembly (<http://www.leg.colorado.gov/>) and Chalkbeat (<https://co.chalkbeat.org/23555599/colorado-general-assembly-education-bills-2023>). This should not be relied on as an official record of legislative action or legal advice. This summary is current through 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2023.

TRANSGENDER GUIDELINES: Tom Gregory, Superintendent

Mr. Gregory shared information on Colorado anti-discrimination laws that prohibit public entities, including schools, from discriminating based on sexual orientation, including transgender status. The group discussed, made inquiries, and provided comments.

TOM TIME: Tom Gregory, Superintendent

Mr. Gregory answered questions submitted by the members. The group discussed, made inquiries, and provided comments.