

Study of Block Scheduling at Galesburg High School 2016-17
Galesburg School District 205
Galesburg, IL

Purpose: Determine the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Block Scheduling at GHS

December 7, 2016 3:30 p.m. Meeting No. 2 Summary Room 15 GHS

1. Welcome: All members were present. Kathy Meyer, parent, observed.
2. The agenda was accepted without changes.
3. Follow-up on items from last meeting:
 - a. We had a lengthy discussion about surveys and agreed that if we decide to pursue surveys with parents, students and staff, the surveys should have a purpose and result that truly help us be more informed about our charge which is to:
 - Looking back to 1999-2000 what was 'promised with block scheduling?
 - Is the Block Schedule effective, efficient and financially viable?
 - Does the Block Schedule allow us to meet the needs of today's students?
 - b. After reviewing possible survey questions, **Laurie, Ben and Stu** volunteered to draft surveys questions that are worth continuing to pursue for Parents, Students and Staff
 - c. We didn't get a chance to talk about the results of the Initial survey among the high school staff that would help identify informed colleagues
 - d. Jeff shared some data about the school district and the high school for our consideration. We agreed that we should look at those data that are indicative of student success and that we will focus on high school student data over time.
 - e. Peter shared some information about what people are considering to measure student college and career readiness.
4. We had a very brief discussion about releasing and seeking information about our work and that the distribution of information or surveys will be Peter's responsibility.
5. Future meetings – We agreed to meet, as scheduled, on December 14, 2016 in Room 15 at Galesburg High School.
6. During our Meeting Evaluation the following was mentioned:
 - a. What went well? **We focused on students; we shared conversation, insights and ideas that helped to clarify what was what and the meaning of Block Schedule as intended.**
 - b. What could we have done better? **We probably could use more time to**

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**answer all the questions we generate. We need to continue to look
at student learning.**

7. We adjourned at 5:00 p.m. after reviewing future agenda items.

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