

Improving the CRLS Schedule December 18,2018

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CPS is looking at ways to address concerns about school schedules across the district by looking at potential improvements to both students and staff time.

Conversation is currently focused on K-8. CRLS is gathering input at this point.

CRLS is not contemplating a significant change to the length of the CRLS school day for students.

- Length of day is not “up for grabs” at this point
- Focus is on improvements school about professional time and improvements to the current use of time.
- Some changes might require approval by the School Committee and negotiated with CEA.
- Significant changes that would need a planning year would not be implemented until the 2020-2021 school year.

Topics discussed at the meeting are listed below. The bulleted items represent some of the ideas put forth by attendees:

Improving transitions/make day feel less rushed

- More time between class
- Shave some time off of other things to find
- Make it purposeful
- Find it a time for academic support

Improving community meeting

- Supposed to be an opportunity to have people connect with others
- Some teachers make the most of it
- Doing away with it is a possibility
- OTI every day?

Creating time for staff & students to meet 1:1 for advising, mentoring and college recommendations

- Create a help and work session at the end of the day
- OTI is a start

Flexibility within the block schedule

- Shifting things means that kids can get classes when they are at their best
- Shifts are tough with RSTA, college classes, internships

More attention to social-emotional needs of students

- Five minute stretch break
- Mindfulness break
- A space for relaxing
- Bring in specialists to address these topics.
- Build resilience with multi-tiered approach
- Train upper classman

Improving time for collaboration among faculty

- Time at the end of the day, potentially used for teacher collaboration
- Have some late days.

Increasing student choice/electives

- “Elective Day” where kids can learn about electives

Attendees

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