

Millburn Middle School

Presentation of Proposed Schedule for 16-17

Agenda

- ✿ *Share a little history on the middle school schedule over last two years.*
- ✿ *Look at scheduling priorities from the strategic plan and the goals of the scheduling committee.*
- ✿ *Share staff and committee work on schedule developed*
- ✿ *Next steps: BOE funding support, Parent Informational, Staffing, Curriculum needs, etc.*

History

- ✿ *Two years ago we changed the use of study hall period in schedule to add math minutes in 6th grade.*
- ✿ *We continued this at the start of this year into 7th grade as well.*
- ✿ *All students are benefiting from this added instruction time for Math.*

History

- ✿ *The negative impacts in using the study hall minutes for math are that pull out services needed to pull students from Core content subjects like Science and Social Studies.*
- ✿ *This was an area that our staff wanted to resolve.*
- ✿ *Let's remember this and look at the Strategic Plan Priorities.*

Strategic Planning Priorities

- ✿ *Investigate foreign language possibilities.*
- ✿ *Investigate schedule that allows for Band and Choir to be offered during the school day.*
- ✿ *Reinstate curriculum director.*
- ✿ *Increase access to technology.*
- ✿ *Diversified teaching staff.*

Schedule Committee Goals

- ✿ *Understands that there is a give and take when adding to or adjusting the schedule.*
- ✿ *Supports the priorities from the Strategic Plan.*
- ✿ *Continue the increase of instructional Math minutes into 8th grade.*
- ✿ *Needed to establish a 2nd time during the school day for pull out instruction (AIM, Sped, RtI, Structured Study Hall).*
 - ✿ *Avoid pull out during Core classes*
 - ✿ *Provide blocking option for Science and Social Studies*

Proposed Schedule

- ✿ *Keeps Math and ELA double periods.*
- ✿ *Adds period to school day so that pull out services can instruct students without pulling from core content subjects.*
- ✿ *Added period allows for Band/Choir/Drama to also provide instruction during the school day.*
- ✿ *Added period along with specials periods allows for exposure to Spanish in 7th grade and year long Spanish in 8th grade.*
- ✿ *Creative scheduling provides extension opportunities*

6th Grade

- ✿ *Rotates four quarters with Art, Tech, Health and Music*
- ✿ *We use A/B days to maximize student choice in added class period. Choose Band/Choir/Drama/SH*
- ✿ *AIM would also be in added class period. Students who qualify would be assigned to A or B day.*

6th Grade Sample

Period	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
1st	Science	Science	Science
2nd	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
3rd	ELA	ELA	ELA
4th	<u>A Days:</u> AIM, Band, Drama, Study Hall <u>B Days:</u> AIM, Lessons, Choir, Study Hall	<u>A Days:</u> AIM, Band, Drama, Study Hall <u>B Days:</u> AIM, Lessons, Choir, Study Hall	Special Ed. / RtI
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
5th	ELA	ELA	ELA
6th	Math	Math	Math
7th	Math	Math	Math
8th	PE	PE	PE
9th	Art,Tech, Health, Music	Special Ed. / RtI	Art,Tech,Health, Music

7th Grade

- ✿ *Rotates 4 quarters with Art, Tech, Health and Spanish*
- ✿ *We use A/B days to maximize student choice in added class period. Choose Band/Choir/Drama/SH*
- ✿ *AIM would also be in added class period. Students who qualify would be assigned to A or B day.*
- ✿ *Extension opportunities in 7th grade would be provided during added period.*

7th Grade Sample

Period	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
1st	PE	PE	PE
2nd	Art,Tech,Health,Spanish	Special Ed. / RtI	Art,Tech,Health,Spanish
3rd	Science	Science	Science
4th	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
5th	<u>A Days:</u> AIM, Band, Drama, Study Hall <u>B Days:</u> AIM, Choir, Lessons, Study Hall **Also Specials Extensions offered quarterly	<u>A Days:</u> AIM, Band, Drama, Study Hall <u>B days:</u> AIM, Choir, Lessons, Study Hall **Also Specials Extensions offered quarterly	Special Ed. / RtI
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
6th	ELA	ELA	ELA
7th	ELA	ELA	ELA
8th	Math	Math	Math
9th	Math	Math	Math

8th Grade

- ✿ *Looking at 8th grade year as a more specialized year.*
- ✿ *Year long Spanish would be offered across three periods for students to select.*
- ✿ *Rotate semesters of Art, Tech and Science Extension (choose 2)*
- ✿ *We use A/B days to maximize student choice in added class period. Choose Band/Choir/Drama/SH*
- ✿ *AIM would also be in added class period. Students who qualify would be assigned to A or B day.*
- ✿ *Double Math period progresses into 8th grade.*

8th Grade Sample

Period	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
1st	Science	Science	Science
2nd	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
3rd	PE	PE	PE
4th	ELA	ELA	ELA
5th	ELA	ELA	ELA
6th	Full Year Spanish <u>A Day:</u> AIM, Band, Drama, Study Hall <u>B Day:</u> AIM, Lessons, Drama, Study Hall **Also Specials Extensions offered quarterly	Full Year Spanish <u>A Day:</u> AIM, Band, Drama, Study Hall <u>B Day:</u> AIM, Lessons, Drama, Study Hall **Also Specials Extensions offered quarterly	Special Ed. / RtI
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
7th	Semester: Art, Tech, Science Full Year: Spanish	Special Ed. / RtI	Semester: Art, Tech, Science Full Year Spanish
8th	Math	Math	Math
9th	Math	Math	Math

Behind the Scenes

- ✿ *Here is how we added the new period:*
 - ✿ *No homeroom minutes (attendance in 1st period)*
 - ✿ *30 minute lunch/recess vs. 41 minutes*
 - ✿ *Change each period from 41 minutes to 40 minutes*
 - ✿ *Extend school day to 3:18 vs. 3:02*

Behind the Scenes



- ✿ *Extensive collaboration with entire staff, scheduling committees*
- ✿ *Flexibility throughout the process*
- ✿ *Worked diligently to add priorities from the Strategic Plan (representing our district stakeholders)*

Instructional Breakdown

- ✿ *6th, 7th and 8th grade students gain a 40 minute period with instructional opportunities*
- ✿ *8th grade also adds the double period of Math instruction*
- ✿ *Spanish exposure in 7th grade and full year class in 8th grade*
- ✿ *Band/Choir/Drama opportunities built into school day*
- ✿ *Specials extension opportunities in 7th and 8th grade*

Instructional Breakdown

- ✿ *Study Hall option in all grades*
- ✿ *Retained Music instruction in 6th grade*
- ✿ *Increased flexible delivery of pull out instruction (AIM, Special Ed., RtI)*
- ✿ *Lengthened the school day*
- ✿ *Unified delivery of AIM pull out across grade levels*

Financial Impacts

- ✿ *Retiring music teacher would be replaced with a choir/drama teacher (0.0 increase)*
- ✿ *Reduced section of regular education teacher from MES (based on smaller cohort size) would be replaced with Foreign Language teacher. (0.0 increase)*
- ✿ *Hire half-time AIM teacher (AIM presentation) (0.5 increase)*
- ✿ *Curriculum and materials to support Spanish, Drama, extension classes (xxx dollars)*

Next Steps

- ✿ *Board approval on funding staff and curriculum needs*
- ✿ *Share improvements with parents*
- ✿ *Interview and hire new staff*
- ✿ *Develop sign up / selection process for classes*
- ✿ *Schedule students into master schedule*
- ✿ *Evaluate, research and obtain curriculum*

Questions and Thank You



- ✿ *I appreciate the time and attention given to this process by the middle school staff.*
- ✿ *Thank you to the School Board for the time tonight.*
- ✿ *Thoughts, questions, observations?*