

Westside High School SDMC Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2023

In lieu of an in-person meeting, an online vote was captured seeking approval of the following: Request a waiver for school year 23/24 to continue our usual start and end times of 7:45 AM-3:25 PM.

SDMC members received the information below via email:

"As discussed at last month's SDMC Meeting, Westside High School is seeking a waiver so we may continue our usual start time of 7:45 AM and end time of 3:25 PM for the 2023/2024. See additional information below for details on the rationale for requesting the waiver.

In lieu of holding an in-person meeting, please click [HERE](#) to vote on seeking the waiver. Please vote by Wednesday, May 31, at 12 Noon.

Rationale for Waiver:

For school year 22-23, Westside High School has been on a start time of 7:45am -3:25pm. Westside High School is requesting to keep the same start and end times (7:45 am – 3:25pm) for the school year 2023 – 2024. For years prior to COVID, Westside HS was also on a unique start and end time. The rationale for this bell schedule is provided below.

- 1. Instructional minutes – The bell schedule currently in use and proposed for 2023-2024 of 7:45 am – 3:25 pm exceeds the state requirement for 75, 600 instructional minutes per year.*
- 2. Geographic location- WHS is uniquely situated in Houston, and, many teachers have students that attend surrounding districts; the early start and release schedule WHS previously adopted allows them to remain at Westside while also balancing their family needs.*
- 3. Extracurricular- WHS students will not miss as much class time for extracurriculars off-campus; due to the geographic location of the school, students must be dismissed earlier to arrive on site.*
- 4. Magnet students come from many areas of the city, and, the commute is quite long to our school, being so far west. Earlier start and end times will make commuting less difficult*
- 5. Futures program - master schedule “*

Thirteen (13) out of sixteen (16) members cast a vote. All 13 voted to approve the waiver request. See responses on page 2.

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2	5/30/23 10:05:14	5/30/23 10:05:28	anonymous	Vivian Cashion	Approve
3	5/30/23 10:07:48	5/30/23 10:08:02	anonymous	Erika Williams	Approve
4	5/30/23 10:09:01	5/30/23 10:09:31	anonymous	Quwan Smith	Approve
5	5/30/23 10:10:01	5/30/23 10:10:09	anonymous	Abigail Morris	Approve
6	5/30/23 10:20:33	5/30/23 10:20:45	anonymous	Bryce Barry	Approve
7	5/30/23 10:25:35	5/30/23 10:25:46	anonymous	Marie Wadih	Approve
8	5/30/23 10:27:03	5/30/23 10:27:10	anonymous	Sarah Anthony	Approve
9	5/30/23 11:44:10	5/30/23 11:44:40	anonymous	Morrisha Barnes	Approve
0	5/31/23 7:20:16	5/31/23 7:20:28	anonymous	cory bowyer	Approve
1	5/31/23 8:28:29	5/31/23 8:28:37	anonymous	Stephanie Brewster	Approve
2	5/31/23 8:43:26	5/31/23 8:43:38	anonymous	Heather Barrow	Approve
3	5/31/23 8:44:23	5/31/23 8:44:31	anonymous	Heather Barrow	Approve
4	5/31/23 11:27:41	5/31/23 11:27:51	anonymous	Sarah Castro	Approve
5	6/1/23 13:06:55	6/1/23 13:07:00	anonymous	Nathan Smith	Approve