

ILT Minutes - Scheduling Meeting 4/21 3:00 - 4:45

(1) Three Blocks Per Day Schedule

- three blocks a day with four lunches

(2) 4th Bell School-Wide Study Hall

- modified block
- instruction time loss
- potential contract issues with covering study hall
- potential issues with kids who want to option for 7 classes

(3) Five Day Block Schedule from JHT

- from JHT

(4) 7 Bell

- same as previous years
- pushed back 30 minutes for later start

(5) 7 Bell + Lunch

- would need to watch the way we name it
- could do 3 or 4 lunches with this schedule

(6) Sweeney's Modified Block

- M, Tu, F would be normal 7 bell
- W, Th would be a Block A / B

(7) Modified Block with Eagle Bell

- another similar modified block
- slight lunch changes
- Eagle Bell

(8) Ashely and Erin's Modified Block

- Slightly longer 4th bell on M, Tu, F
- There's some block
- not equal instructional time between block
- FOUR lunches

Questions

- BS: Is Ashely's different because it has 4 lunches? yes
- LB: Have we checked with cafeteria staff? yes

- JS: I cannot make prep bells a priority when creating the master schedule. We can't guarantee that the contract won't be violated
- JC: Issues with teaming, with double bell science, CCP course, equal instructional time
- EK: If we aren't meeting the contract what do we do?
- JC: We must ask for a waiver
- JHT: Can we call the last 10 minutes of class study time? We should make sure there's 4 lunches. Tweak the language to make it comply.
- ENT: It seems like lunch is the main problem. Should we be focusing on solving that problem? Which equitable schedules solve this problem?
- JS: We've asked for the possibility of a "mod" cafeteria but we likely won't know about that until the summer
- HL: If we have three lunches over 3 bells and you plan to do the cafeteria then you are eliminating PE during all of those bells, plus clean up
- EK: I think our goal should be not relying on a gym to make our kids eat
- KR: No matter how many lunch periods we have, we still have study hall
- JS: We could run into issues with kids wanting to option for certain classes
- LB: We still have to put kids into study hall anyway? Wouldn't this help with that
- JS: It could just make for potential issues creating time for certain classes. not necessarily impossible.
- LC: I think it was a mistake.
- JC: But that means that there will need to be kids in classrooms for the remainder of the day.
- LC: People don't get assigned to a study hall location. It rotates on a repeating cycle. It's hosted by a different teacher each day. It's a huge extra coverage load. It's a way outside the box idea.
- Kylie B: What happens to kids who option for seven courses?
- EK: I think that's definitely a downfall of this.
- LC: Unless we offered remote sections. Independent learning types of classes.
- Kylie B: Since we've already optioned, how would the decision be made to figure out which class we are dropping?
- EK: In the action steps on the document.
- EK: Could be another possibility of contractual violations. Would need to be cleared by CFT and downtown.
- JHT: We could just add "study hall" time to limit
- AM: But that would still be the teacher covering those classes.

- JC: The contract only allows for 35 days of study hall coverage for teachers per year. I just want to stay inside the contract.
- LC: How would we deal with 4 days weeks?
- JHT: I have that prepared. Can I share? (shares screen)
- EK: Normal 7 bell. Doesn't solve lunch. Doesn't solve any of our equity problems.
- EK: 7 Bell + Lunch. I think we make Bell 3 a lunch as well. I agree with Heather that if we are using gyms then we could definitely have issues with PE space.
- JC: If we have more time for lunch, do we really need to add lunches and have 46 minutes lunches? I worry about a loss of instructional time.
- FS: Doesn't this proposal only have 3 lunches? Are we considering modifications? I don't think this schedule needs to be tweaked at all.
- ENT: At SCPA we had a schedule like this. Would there be a lunch opt out? Is lunch mandatory? If a kid wants to take a class that is only a certain bell and that is their lunch bell, can they opt out?
- JS: I think we just assign them a different lunch.
- ENT: Could we offer kids to opt out of lunch and have a late arrival or early dismissal?
- AM: We asked that question to the district this year and they were pretty adamant about ALL kids having lunch.
- JS: Three lunches is three bells without using the cafeteria for study hall.
- KR: If we still have distancing to consider, 46 minutes is way too long for lunch. Kids eat their lunch in ten minutes and then they are in this really unstructured time and have to be monitored.
- LC: If we had a mod for lunch, could that also be used for study hall other bells.
- JC: If COVID restrictions are still in place, we are going to have a lot more kids. And there are 800 kids at home.
- LC: If we have dedicated lunch bells, then we gain a lot of classroom space because classrooms don't sit empty during those lunch times.
- JHT: I think building actual buildings should be a priority for this committee. I have students coming back to my room early because they don't want to be at lunch on the fields.
- EK: Modified Block
- JS: No issues with master scheduling.
- JC: The only other issue is that this doesn't solve our lunch issue.
- JS: I think we need to define what our priorities are. Is lunch, safety, instructional time, etc our priority?

- EK: I think lunch is a really important part of what we need to figure out. I don't know if it's fully solvable without more space.
- DP: I thought when we started this discussion last year we were trying to solve lunch. Especially split lunch for 7/8 grades.
- SMJ: Does it solve the lunch problem? Is it equitable? Is it good for instruction?
- JHT: My schedule meets all of those criteria.
- JS: But it doesn't follow the contract.
- JS: Eagle Bell. A school in Columbus does this and has had some success.
- SMJ: Isn't homeroom a duty?
- JS: Not as far as I'm aware.
- JS: I think this would be a great opportunity for students who can't stay after school to get help.
- J Smitson: Could use QR codes like the library.
- MS: What would take priority over what? It sounds like a good idea in theory. But the lack of structure of it gives me pause.
- JS: Student choice.
- DP: Why does the bell before lunch rotate.
- JS: Tries to keep teaching minutes closer to equal.
- DP: I'm trying to find three consecutive bells and I don't see it. That would be a big problem for creating a productive schedule for our AP science teachers. Same thing as Mike. I can see kids running around and it just being a free for all.
- JS: I guess we will never know if we don't try. But when I talked to the people in Columbus. There was definitely a learning curve, but they're on their third year of this and they're having a lot of success.
- DP: I think you're right and we would just need more hall monitoring.
- SMJ: With this Eagle bell, where would our 29 traveling teachers go? We don't even have enough rooms right now.
- SMJ: There's a huge discrepancy in minutes. 5th bell is much shorter.
- JS: Every one of these schedules has flaws. Those are fair points.
- LC: If we don't have enough spaces for kids now and there are usually 400 kids in the cafeteria, how do we have space for all of these kids?
- EK: Last Modified Block Schedule.
- AM: The 7 bell day can just be a 7 bell day. We don't have to block it. It could just be normal.
- DP: I notice all of these modified blocks Wed and Thurs is the block. Why is that?

- AM: I taught and went to Lakota and we did this there. It's a nice slow down in the middle of the week.
- LB: Maybe I missed something. Bell 5 meets every day. Could we eliminate Bell 5 in one of the days to make it more even?
- AM: Yeah we could definitely do that.
- LB: If lunch were divided up, maybe we could use something like this, half hour blocks, could be added to the first schedule.
- FS: The 7 bell + lunch solves all of our problems. This school will be here for decades to come. We're thinking about COVID in all of these discussions. We're going to have to plan for long-term impacts when picking a schedule. Having a dedicated lunch bell only shaves minutes off our instruction time.
- JS: I think we need to have a COVID bell schedule and a non-COVID bell schedule.
- FS: I think we're being overly anxious about being COVID friendly when we need something that stands the test of time.
- JHT: Sometime you have to plan for WW2. We have to plan for the reality of having to comply with the CDC restrictions next year.
- EK: We have to decide that if we are back to normal we need to decide what we are in favor of. I launched a poll.
- **POLL:** What type of Schedule would we like if we are back to normal?
 - 11 votes -- seven bell
 - 6 -- modified block
 - 0 -- regular block
- EK: It looks like the block is off the table. More are in favor of seven bells. But there's support for modified block.
- EK: Of these schedules, only 3 of them are straight 7 bell schedules.
- AM: I really think we need to figure out lunch. I'm not in favor of kids standing in the arcade and eating their lunch.
- FS: Can the district provide us with a facility for lunch? The district is certainly considering giving us some more space. And if that mod can be used for lunch, then that mod can be used for study hall, testing accommodations, etc. Like what our original multipurpose room was for.
- JHT: I think all of us would like to support the administrators, and let you know that we need more space.
- EK: If we have to do a COVID schedule, is the district going to let us do a modified block?

- KR: I feel like block has gotten tied to COVID. If we're thinking long term, I don't think a block schedule's only value is safety protocols.
- FS: I worry that when we are building a block schedule we are going to be violating the contract.
- JC: I want to comment on the additional space. There are negotiations in place. In the end, unless they can building something that's three times the size of our old lunch mod it's not going to solve the problem. We have to be mindful that we're looking for a schedule that benefits teacher and students. Even without COVID our lunches were crazy. Lunch has been an issue before this year. Looking at a 4 bell lunch schedule with any of these schedule is mandatory. Creating a new schedule without having 4 lunches doesn't make much sense to me.

What are we taking back to departments?

- JHT: Are there things we can eliminate before we go back to departments? Can we narrow it down to 2 or 3? I looked at the contract and if we can get $\frac{2}{3}$ vote from the staff on a schedule, then it is in contract.
- EK: I have 10 minutes left. If we look at a modified block, is the district going to say yes or no to it?
- JC: It depends on how we present it. But likely.
- DP: If we need a COVID schedule, can we go back to something like our remote schedule where Wednesday is a 7 bell day?
- EK: Talk to departments about a 7 bell schedule with 4 lunches.
- LB: Can you make sure you make a folder of schedules we can share with departments. Yes.
- FS: Mention next Dept Meeting and ILT dates.
- JC: I don't want to have a bad schedule with the sake of getting it done by a certain date. The goal would be for faculty to vote at the last meeting.
- EK: OUT
- JC: Are there schedules we eliminated?
- JHT: I think it's really important to have a COVID schedule and a regular schedule.
- JC: I don't want departments wasting discuss schedules that aren't possible.

Eliminations:

- 4th Bell School-Wide Study Hall -- not feasible
- Three Blocks Per Day Schedule -- blue blob
- Sweeney Modified Block
- Modified Block with Eagle Bell

Keep:

- Five Day Block Schedule from JHT -- would need to be tweaked for adjusted time
- 7 Bell + Lunch
- Ashley's Modified Block with Four Lunches

CHAT TRANSCRIPT:

Denise Pfeiffer3:01 PM

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Erin Kenney-Levin3:01 PM

Erin Kenney-Levin - BR

Denise Pfeiffer3:01 PM

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Laura Brogden3:01 PM

Laura Brogden Classics

John Chambers3:01 PM

Chambers - Admin

Heather Lloyd3:01 PM

Heather Lloyd- PE/Health

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Elizabeth Duncan-Scruggs3:01 PM

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Michael Sherman3:01 PM

Mike Sherman- Fine Arts

Patricia Morgan3:02 PM

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Olivia Ballard3:02 PM

Olivia Ballard (parent rep)

Drew Mcgarvie3:02 PM

Drew McGarvie

Joseph Stewart3:02 PM

joe stewart (T-bone) Admin

You3:02 PM

Katie Sullivan (non-voting)

Brian Sweeney3:02 PM

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Ashley Morgan3:02 PM

Ashley Morgan Admin

Peter Riddle3:02 PM

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Johanka Hart-Tompkins3:02 PM

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Kathleen Restle3:02 PM

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Sara Mcguire-Jay3:02 PM

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Erin Kenney-Levin3:02 PM

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Daniel Coleman3:02 PM

Daniel Coleman non-voting

Kasey Shao3:02 PM

Kasey Shao

Laura Brogden3:07 PM

Can you use your computer mic? Your owl

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YES

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:09 PM

I'm having a computer issue. Like it might explode.

Laura Brogden3:16 PM

we can't hear

Laura Brogden3:18 PM

I think it's Block 2/3 + 4 lunches

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:21 PM

If it isn't feasible, let's throw it out. We know what the issues are this year, let's not repeat them'

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:23 PM

I have a question

Laura Brogden3:25 PM

But you'

re still in charge of students in the room, and can't leave to, I don't know, go to the bathroom

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:26 PM

YES

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:27 PM

Any schedule that isn't equitable shouldn't be considered.

Laura Brogden3:28 PM

The schedules that have 3-4 lunches don't allow for limited student contact.

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:28 PM

4 lunches = Less kids

Ashley Morgan3:28 PM

The one I sent does NOT have to be a block. It is just an option.

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:28 PM

So the 2nd and 5ht schedules

Laura Brogden3:30 PM

My comment was about the classes, not lunch. The 3-4 lunch schedules don't offer larger blocks of time to cut down on kids being around a ton of people all day long.

Samantha Bramlage3:31 PM

Have to sign off due to dr. appt. Drew McGarvie is filling in for me for the remainder of the meeting.

Thanks!

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:31 PM

@Laura Oak Hills has a 7 bell day, they've been in person more than we have all year and they have a similar population than we do. I'll check their data on COVID cases, but they've been back 5 days on the 7 bells for a while.

Ashley Morgan 3:32 PM

We called oak hills today

Elizabeth Neil Thelen 3:32 PM

Similar population. Not similar than.

Laura Brogden 3:32 PM

I disagree that Oak Hills has a population similar to ours.

Ashley Morgan 3:32 PM

They run diff lunch schedules for junior and senior high

Kathleen Restle 3:32 PM

Oak Hills schedule 20 minute lunches too!

Denise Pfeiffer 3:32 PM

they have the same number of kids

Elizabeth Neil Thelen 3:32 PM

Yes. Oak Hills is 9-12. Not 7-12.

Ashley Morgan 3:33 PM

Ohhh. Then that makes that different. I thought they were using the same space.

Elizabeth Neil Thelen 3:33 PM

@kathy that's too short. But point being, they have about 2500 9-12 on a 7 bell day.

Kathleen Restle 3:34 PM

@Liz. Got it. We were looking at their 5 lunch bells. That seemed attractive until we found out that their lunches are so short.

Ploy Keener 3:38 PM

That could also be a sort of Eagle Bell?

Laura Brogden 3:40 PM

From a mental health standpoint, this schedule gives people a break in the middle of the day, as well as time to work on their homework because it's technically a study hall.

Elizabeth Neil Thelen 3:41 PM

Does this violate the CBA with our duty obligation? Or no?

Elizabeth Duncan-Scruggs3:41 PM

That would be a problem for students with IEPs that must have a resource/study hall bell...it would be every 4th bell?

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:43 PM

The use of the word "advisory" means something to the district. The word needs to change.

Denise Pfeiffer3:44 PM

Any block schedule would wreck havoc on scheduling of science labs.

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:45 PM

Advisory turns into an extra prep.

Michael Sherman3:45 PM

Agreed, Liz

Denise Pfeiffer3:46 PM

no advisory, please.

Tara Ligon3:48 PM

Second, Denise

Michael Sherman3:48 PM

Third

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:50 PM

Cleaning in between lunches? EQUITABLE TIME!!!

Who cleans up? Kids don't clean in lunchroom just in class?

Laura Brogden3:51 PM

Eat + bathroom + travel. Right now lunch is really short for kids who have to travel to get lunch, stand in line, and then eat.

Denise Pfeiffer3:51 PM

mental health time?

Tara Ligon3:51 PM

Alternatively, extensive periods of noise in the hallways at the change of lunch times have been problematic- loinger lunch time may exacerbate this

Laura Brogden3:52 PM

But kids won't be traveling in the hallways during class anymore because they will be in a dedicated lunch space.

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:52 PM

Are there any scheduling issues with this?

Laura Brogden3:53 PM

Lunch happens whenever it fits in your schedule. Lunches would not be limited to grade levels.

Lunch is no longer associated with classes, so that's not true.

Sara Mcguire-Jay3:55 PM

They get money from the government for lunches?

Elizabeth Neil Thelen3:55 PM

FWIW, the junior high kids have been playing out on the field during lunch and they love it. So extra time would allow for some exercise.

Denise Pfeiffer3:57 PM

agreed Liz

Heather Lloyd3:58 PM

I get the idea about exercise, but if lunch is eliminated from the gym space, then we will be having PE class during lunch and will be using gym space as well as turf space.

Laura Brogden3:59 PM

I think this was addressed, but will we be voting on 1 for "normal times" and 1 in case we have to plan for "covid times?"

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:00 PM

No

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:00 PM

Doesn't solve the issues... Lunch ect

Ploy Keener4:01 PM

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Sara Mcguire-Jay4:01 PM

Not equitable

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:01 PM

@joe agreed.

Brian Sweeney4:02 PM

I support maximizing instruction

Erin Kenney-Levin4:05 PM

VEG PTA who are you?

VGE PTA

Laurie M B Cotton4:06 PM

7 bells plus lunch addresses it all right? With 3 lunches or with ribs suggesting of 4? Except for blocking.

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:07 PM

7 +1 would have 4 lunches if you make 3rd bell that fourth lunch...

Laura Brogden4:07 PM

Could we change the day to Friday?

Ferd Schneider4:07 PM

4 lunch bad

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:08 PM

@Joe, is there any way to even out the minutes?

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:08 PM

Would they be assigned a space? Couldn't that just turn into idle time?

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:08 PM

Isn't Homeroom a Duty?

Johanka Hart-Tompkins4:08 PM

I love the idea of an Eagle Bell. Wonderful!

Laurie M B Cotton4:08 PM

do teachers supervise a homeroom and have a club and/or a help night at the same time?

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:12 PM

So teachers would be assigned to this duty and study hall?

Ploy Keener4:14 PM

We have that problem now

Laura Brogden4:14 PM

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Laurie M B Cotton4:15 PM

ferd can I speak?

Laurie M B Cotton4:17 PM

I think Sara and Mike got to my questions - where are all the kids going to be assigned? aren't there currently 400+ kids in the cafe every bell? and, what are the chances for teachers to have 30 kids show up for homeoom at the same time as 15 kids show up for help? Maybe I don't understand it, just trying to picture how it works

Laurie M B Cotton4:20 PM

thank you

Laura Brogden4:26 PM

But aren't we obligated to plan for covid now, just in case?

Ashley Morgan4:26 PM

That's why I think we need 4 lunches

Lunches

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:26 PM

I love lunches

@Ferd I agree

Denise Pfeiffer4:27 PM

Agreed Ferd.

Laura Brogden4:27 PM

That's what I asked before!

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:29 PM

@Ferd the Maria schedule is really hard on the little people. I lose them after about 45 mins and then I have to fill another 75.

Joseph Stewart4:30 PM

Laura brogden's face just cracked me up!

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:31 PM

If they throw a bunch of 6 feet rules at us, won't we have to go remote anyway? Or Hybrid?

Ferd Schneider4:32 PM

agree

Laurie M B Cotton4:32 PM

voting members only right?

Tara Ligon4:33 PM

Good question

Laurie M B Cotton4:33 PM

brilliant use of online meeting tools!

Drew Mcgarvie4:34 PM

If I am filling in for Sam, and I know what we are voting, should I fill it out?

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:36 PM

the 4th sched. the normal pushed back solves nothing that should be excluded

Heather Lloyd4:37 PM

several of these proposals can be easily changed to full 7 bell schedule everyday

Laura Brogden4:38 PM

Hey, you can have my owl too

Elizabeth Neil Thelen4:39 PM

Ed research shows that blocks:

Slightly decrease math scores

Slightly increase reading scores

Discipline referrals increase on block days

Attendance decreases on block days

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:40 PM

joe said they weren't feasible

Joseph Stewart4:40 PM

sarah thats not what I said

if its less than 280 mins per day, blocks can work fine

Laurie M B Cotton4:44 PM

7 bells plus lunch with either 3 lunches or 4 have the same instructional time, right, the small loss compared to the old 50 minute schedule? but it impacts study hall and gym (due to usage of space)?

Sara Mcguire-Jay4:45 PM

I think we should forward the 2nd, 5th and 8th sched.

Heather Lloyd4:45 PM

that is what I am thinking Laurie

if they are fine with a modified block for covid, why wouldn't they then be fine with 7 bell

Laurie M B Cotton4:46 PM

thanks Heather - if 4 lunches gets lunch entirely out of the gym that would be awesome

Heather Lloyd4:47 PM

yes, but we also need space for study hall as well. So if we get a mod that can be used for cafeteria and study hall, that would be ideal

Johanka Hart-Tompkins4:50 PM

I would love for departments to give comments on these and suggestions to tweak things.

Patricia Morgan4:50 PM

Did we actually eliminate any of these schedules?

Heather Lloyd4:51 PM

can we just send it out to all staff, they filter tweaks to dept chairs, then we can tweak earlier than dept meeting

Laurie M B Cotton4:55 PM

college board requirement though right?

Laura Brogden4:56 PM

Right, but in a week's time, they would net less total time.

Heather Lloyd4:58 PM

i think we need to focus on a regular year schedule first

Sara Mcguire-Jay5:00 PM

The 6th Sched. should be eliminated. It isn't equitable.

Johanka Hart-Tompkins5:00 PM

yes 7 bell + lunch

Laurie M B Cotton5:01 PM

awww patty

Johanka Hart-Tompkins5:01 PM

no on first

no on blended

Johanka Hart-Tompkins5:02 PM

no to 6

no to 7

Laura Brogden5:03 PM

It required a lot of tweaking on times too

Johanka Hart-Tompkins5:04 PM

that sound great :)

Laurie M B Cotton5:04 PM

it's snowing again yall

Tara Ligon5:04 PM

ugh

Laurie M B Cotton5:05 PM

good job katie