

2019-2020 Calendar Committee Meeting

November 1, 2018

Agenda and Notes

Members: Laura Turner, Jeana Thomas, Julie Barron, Andrea Bartosz (absent), Mary Wells (sub for Andrea), Deanna L Didier (late due to other meeting), JoAnne Greear (late due to other meeting), Karla Carper, Laura Turner, Maria Valdivia, Melinda Pals, Nancy Buttenhoff, Robert Harper, Rebecca Browne, Hilary Gruehl Laughrey, Derek Ax (absent), Michael Uhling, Sheri Allen, and Lisa Fenter

The calendar committee set the following goals:

- Maximize student contact time prior to K-12 required assessments (AP, Dual Enrollment, SAT, End-of-Course, CTE, ISAT, IRI, WIDA [February]), which typically occur the last week of March through mid-May;
- Allow teachers enough time to thoroughly teach to all of the standards prior to ~~testing~~ assessing these standards;
- Provide all students enough time to work toward proficiency of the standards, prior to ~~testing~~ assessing these standards;
- ~~creating time for elementary grade level teams to meet, focused on standards, curriculum, and student achievement.~~

Review the goals which guide our work

- Changes made to above committee goals, further explaining some pieces and deleting others, as they are not included on this calendar. See above with strikeouts and new language in blue.

Review the Process and Rationale of the Academic School Calendar

- Changed the goals to match above
- Changed the language of “fall break” to “October break”
- Reviewed input of a survey sent by the LEA to all certified staff
 - 100 respondents
 - 53% in favor of calendar similar to 2018-2019
 - 47% in favor of calendar with start date closer to Labor Day

Review the Draft Calendar for 2019-2020

- Group discussed and decided to move conferences on the Draft calendar (November 7 and 8) to:
 - Evening of October 29, evening of October 30, and all day October 31 (for elementary)
 - No elementary students in session on October 31
 - Secondary students in session on October 31
 - No school, no staff on Friday, November 1
- This allows three full weeks of instruction between conferences and Thanksgiving break
- Assessment data shared at conferences (elementary) is not 3-4 weeks old
- Thanksgiving break marked with incorrect dates
 - Should be November 27-29

Next steps: Lisa will clean up the draft calendar and procedure sheet and send out to calendar committee members. Draft calendar will be taken to the Board on November 12 with recommendation to approve.