

2019-2020 Calendar Committee Meeting

February 3, 2020

Agenda and Notes

Members: Laura Turner, Jeana Thomas, Julie Barron (sub is Tara Tumelson), Andrea Bartosz (absent), Deanna Didier (sub is Aimee Otto), JoAnne Greear, Karla Carper, Maria Valdivia, Melinda Pals, Nancy Battenhoff, Robert Harper, Rebecca Browne (absent), Hilary Gruehl Laughrey, Derek Ax (absent), Michael Uhling, Sheri Allen (absent), 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 assessing these standards;
- Provide all students enough time to work toward proficiency of the standards, prior to assessing these standards.

Background information from Dr. Donaldson

- Bob explained to the group that the calendar went to the Board for approval, and after a lengthy discussion, the graduation date was moved to May 24 (Monday). However, based on conversations, parents of graduates were very concerned over a Monday graduation, due to family members having to travel, as well as covering the graduation party and then having to work the next day. So, during the Work Session last Monday (January 27), the Board approved moving graduation to June 5 and the last day of school to June 4. The task of the committee now is to recommend a calendar that provides this, and stays as true to what was previously put together as possible. Bob reiterated the Board appreciates all of the work the committee puts in to presenting an academic calendar.

Review the goals which guide our work

- See above
- No questions or concerns noted

Review the Process and Rationale of the Academic School Calendar

- See handout
- No questions or concerns noted

Proposed Revised Draft for 2020-2021 Calendar

- The Board took action last Monday for the calendar to change to the last day of school occurring on June 4, 2020 and graduation occurring on Saturday, June 5, 2020. This allows for a Saturday graduation. With those dates being set, a revised calendar with a new start date is being presented for your review. If we have consensus, then this will go back to the Board for final approval at next Monday's meeting.
- Revised draft shared with the committee. This will have an August 26 start date for students, and August 24 start date for teachers. Two district PD days will occur October 1 and 2, eliminating the fall break day. Committee asked to move the proposed District PD day marked for January 22 to January 4. This will not affect the number of days in the semester, and consensus was reached to move this.

- This calendar will be taken to the Board for final approval on Monday, February 10. A clean copy will be made by Angela and shared with the committee.

Working group to learn more about trimesters

- At the last meeting, there was an interest in perhaps starting a working group to propose trimesters to begin with the 2020-2021 calendar. At this time, there is not capacity to take this on for the next school year. We will convene a group at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year to research and then perhaps make a recommendation to the calendar committee later in the fall of 2020.
- It was asked if the group might be made up to include people who are not on the calendar committee. That will probably be workable.