DWCC Minutes- Wednesday January 6, 2016

District-Wide Consultation Committee

The DWCC met Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. in the Crockett Room at the One AISD Center.

Members present were Christy Young, Steven Shinkle, Kay Loftin, Traci Yandell, Carey Kitts, Cindy Boyd, Linda White, Roy Dudgeon, Roger Thomas, Tom Tomaras, Jessica Melson, Elizabeth Wagstaff, David Young, Joe Alcorta, Phil Ashby, and Tracy Howle. Also present were Sondra Cox and Audra Ude.

- Roger Thomas called the meeting to order and introduced and welcomed Tracy Howle to the committee.
- Dr. Young discussed the calendar for 2016-2017 school year. He would like a FAQ survey done so the committee can have feedback regarding the changes on the calendar. Joe Alcorta will be responsible collecting the information for that.
- Dr. Young discussed extending the school day by 30 minutes. The new hours for elementary schools would be 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Middle school would be 8:20 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. High school would add 35 minutes to their school day, by extending each period by 5 minutes. The new hours for high school would be 8:20 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.
- There are concerns regarding Inclement Weather Days. The District might not have to worry about applying for a waiver, since there will be extra minutes added to the school days.
- The first semester is only 78 days. There are 26 days in the First Six Weeks, 27 days in the Second Six Weeks, and 25 days in the Third Six Weeks, 33 days in the Fourth and Fifth Six Weeks and 28 days in the Sixth Six Weeks. The committee agreed that there are no concerns regarding the short semester. Progress Reports would need to be adjusted due to the shorter six weeks. The calendar would have to be designed also for UIL purposes regarding sports.
- Some concerns that have been voiced regarding the calendar is teacher pay. Will the teachers be compensated for longer school days? Per Dr. Young, teachers will not receive additional compensation. Another concern would be daycares and after school programs. Dr. Young talked to Alliance After School Program and they said it would not be a problem.
- Jessica Melson made a motion to accept the revised 2016-2017 school calendar. Joe Alcorta seconded the motion. The rest of the committee that was present voted to accept the revised calendar as well.
- Dr. Young will send out a draft of the new calendar to staff and principals to get feedback. He wants everyone to share and talk about it with their PTA's and other organizations to get their thoughts and opinions about it. To give everyone time to look at the calendar and to receive any questions regarding it, the next DWCC meeting will be scheduled for February 17, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. The DWCC meeting for March may be cancelled if not needed.
- The calendar will be presented to the Board at the March meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Summer Anders, Secretary For the DWCC Committee Attachments: Rough Draft of the 2016-2017 Calendar