

DWCC Minutes- Wednesday, December 2, 2015

District- Wide Consultation Committee

The DWCC met Wednesday December 2, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. in the Crockett Room at One AISD Center. Chair, Roger Thomas, called the meeting to order. Members present were Christy Young, Kay Loftin, Traci Yandell, Carey Kitts, Cindy Boyd, Linda White, Roy Dudgeon, Roger Thomas, Charlie Thyne, Tom Tomaras, Jessica Melson, Elizabeth Wagstaff, David Young, Phil Ashby. Also present was Sondra Cox. Members absent were Steven Shinkle, Charlene Richardson and Joe Alcorta.

- Roger Thomas welcomed everyone. Elizabeth Wagstaff nominated Tracy Howle for the open position. The vote for approval was unanimous.
- Dr. Young discussed the calendar for 2016-2017 school year. He did hand out a rough draft of the calendar. The Legislature is changing from 180 school days to 75,600 minutes for yearly student instruction time. Lengthening the school days is a possibility, and would allow more flexibility with the calendar. There was a concern regarding after school care and transportation. Dr. Young talked with Alliance After School Program and they said it would not be a problem. He needs to visit with transportation and see how that would work extending the days. Mr. Thomas raised the concern with Paraprofessionals having overtime if the days were extended. Dr. Young said that the Principals would need to monitor and staff accordingly to prevent overtime.
- There has to be two inclement weather days worked into the calendar for the school year. The students would be covered by the minutes, but there is a question if the staff would be covered by the inclement weather days. Dr. Young will call TEA and ask about the staff having to make the days up.
- UIL will have to adjust the school calendar from days to minutes. There were questions regarding extending the school year. That is not possible due to Abilene ISD being locked in for Graduation with the coliseum. Abilene sponsors High School Rodeo every year so the time available is limited at the coliseum.
- Dr. Young would like to have some kind of break once a month for the staff and students. Easter weekend was also discussed about having the Friday before and also the following Monday off.
- The Committee is hoping that the calendar will be presented to the Board during the February meeting.
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Summer Anders, Secretary

For the DWCC Committee

Attachments: Rough Draft of the 2016-2017 School Calendar