



District-Wide

Consultation

Committee

DWCC Minutes – Thursday, January 8, 2015

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The DWCC met Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in the Crockett Room at One AISD Center to discuss the proposed 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 school calendars.

Members present were Phil Ashby, Carey Kitts, Steven Shinkle, Tom Tomaras, Elizabeth Wagstaff, Roy Dudgeon, and Chairman Roger Thomas. Also present were Sondra Cox and Audra Ude.

- Roger Thomas called the meeting to order.
- Dr. Audra Ude thanked those present for coming on such short notice.
 - There were two types of feedback received about the proposed calendars.
 - The main concern expressed by the Secondary Teachers was to find a way to end the first semester before Christmas break.
 - The second concern mainly from the Elementary Teachers was to have a workday the first day back from Christmas break to be able to reconnect all the technology items that get unplugged for the break and be prepared to begin teaching when the students return.
 - Dr. Ude explained that she met with Jay Lester and Jerry Gayden regarding UIL eligibility requirements being met with ending the semester prior to Christmas Break and also called Mark Cousins at the University Interscholastic League Office to get his input on the effects it would have on eligibility. She stated that students are eligible/ineligible during the first Six weeks based on the previous year passing grades and credits earned. Dr. Cousins stated as long as the first half of the six weeks is 3 weeks, a shortened six weeks is okay.
 - Some high school teachers expressed the desire to move the holiday/inclement weather day from April 29th due to the proximity of testing.
 - After many suggestions and much conversation, the committee decided the least impactful thing to do is to leave the April dates as they are.
 - Elizabeth Wagstaff made a motion to accept the 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 school calendars as revised. Carey Kitts seconded the motion. The rest of the committee that was present voted to accept the revised calendars as well.
 - Kay Loftin, Sharlyn Bammel, Jessica Melson, Alden Dunlap and Joe Alcorta voted to accept both the calendars via e-mail, which brought the results of voting to 12 votes out of 15 and the decision to present these calendars to the Board for approval.
 - Mr. Tomaras suggested that the committee start earlier next year to be able to evaluate dates, send the calendar out for input from teachers/community and not be rushed to make final decisions. (This was a unique year in that respect.)
 - Dr. Ude and Mr. Thomas thanked everybody for their hard work and dedication to the committee.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Lori Yeakle, Substitute Secretary

Attachments: 2015 – 2016 School Calendar
2016 – 2017 School Calendar