

CSD District Calendar Committee
2.03.10
4:00-5:30 pm

Present:

Allison Goodman	Joe Austin	Rob Yongue
Beth Thompson	Julie Hotchkiss	Ron Stay
Caroline Wood	Linda Rutherford-	Shauna Heath
Chris Zimbardo	Sadler	Thomas Van Soelen
Claire Miller	Marcia Pauly	
Eve Wyatt	Marian Melton	

1. Check in: All parent SLT members need to report to respective SLTs after each meeting. This can be done in writing or in person.
2. Discussion item: Furloughing days at the end of the year versus beginning of the year
 - a. Retain original recommendation for end of year. Rationale:
 - i. One solid week is less confusing for all stakeholders
 - ii. One solid week can be implemented at any point in the year
 - iii. The second semester currently has more school days, so this plan would improve the semester balance
 - iv. The 6 week grading period dates would not need to be moved
 - v. More assessment-friendly to remove days from end of year
 - vi. Added: End of year days would allow DHS to hold an End of Course Test (EOCT) week after the last day of school to retain more instructional time before the EOCT
 - vii. Added: Fewer child care opportunities available to families in early August as opposed to late May
 - b. Discussion item: adding minutes to the instructional day to accommodate furlough days. No consensus was reached.
3. Reports from sub-committees
 - a. Evaluation
 - i. Recommends that using the same Likert scale as the rest of the survey, add a question to the end-of-year parent survey: I like the school system's current calendar. Agreed by full calendar committee.
 - ii. Based on work done by evaluation sub-committee, Allison, Shauna, Caroline, and Thomas will examine current employee surveys to align how to collect the same question data in a current survey. This group will bring recommendation to next meeting.
 - iii. Marian and Claire from the City of Decatur will examine the parent question recommended and bring back a tuned version to offer to families in September 2010 and February 2011.
 - iv. Full calendar committee agrees to examine the following set of metrics for the first time in October 2011. This process will look for changes but not set expectations for specific targets as a result of the calendar change.

1. Student attendance
 2. Student tardiness
 3. Student discipline referrals (by type)
 4. Change in MAP scores from Spring to Fall (among students who have already been tested)
 5. Faculty absenteeism
 6. Faculty retention (how does one measure this?)
 7. Number of job applications per type of job opening
 8. Operating costs (utilities, food service, custodial)
 9. Child care/Enrichment Opportunities
 10. Use of local child-care services
 11. Decatur library circulation statistics
 12. Decatur police youth incidents
- b. Child care/enrichment
- i. Examined data and see a need for a way to organize child care/enrichment camp options
 - ii. Using the “comment summary – most popular” table (Arts (e.g., Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts), STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Athletics) to elicit possible camps
 1. CSD faculty
 2. Decatur Arts Alliance
 3. Emory
 4. Agnes Scott
 - iii. Partnering with Decatur Youth and Family Services to handle all registration and administration: decision from DYFS expected March 2010
 - iv. Scholarship students? Could it be through Decatur Youth and Family Services and/or Decatur Education Foundation
 - v. Timeline:
 1. newsletter blurb regarding survey January 2010
 2. newsletter blurb regarding partnerships March 2010
 3. other deadlines negotiated with Decatur Youth and Family Services
4. Next meeting: March 10, 4 pm Westchester