

## Calendar Committee Minutes Tuesday, December 1, 2015

1. In attendance: Susan Buescher, Karen Olsen, Leslie Minshall, Michelle Harris, Virginia Herbst, Sunny Matteson. Absent: Ryan Aronson, Becky Dwello, Michelle Mooney
2. Meeting Objective: Prepare a calendar to go to the December Board meeting. Policy states that the calendar will be adopted prior to February 1 of each year.
3. Committee members reviewed McCall-Donnelly School District Calendar Committee Guidelines
4. Committee members reviewed calendar considerations – why we do what we do
  - First reporting period – the first day of school through the first Friday in November – generates 80-90% of state funds. Attendance is generally better earlier in the year.
  - Testing and statewide comparisons
  - Historically low attendance during the week of Thanksgiving
  - Graduation and Memorial Day weekend
  - Other concerns...
5. 2016-2017 Calendar discussion
  - Board adopted proposed calendar
  - Certified staff survey on November 24  
*37 voted to relocate the November PD days; 20 voted to keep them before Thanksgiving. Other suggestions: No school on November 10 since conferences are noon to 8:00pm; TTD throughout the year instead of front loading them; Halloween is weird – why can't conferences be on November 4?; 2 TTD's in October and the other at the beginning of the year so don't lose PD time.*
  - Proposals for the December 14 Board meeting

Committee members discussed the results of the staff survey that indicated the majority of certified staff members would prefer to relocate the November Professional Development Days to elsewhere in the calendar. Michelle Harris asked if parents and the public would have a negative reaction if staff and students were off for the entire week. One parent representative, Sunny M., said that she believed parents believe that teachers work hard. Karen Olsen suggested an increased problem with daycare if the days were relocated. The general consensus was that one day at the beginning and one day at the end wouldn't significantly impact the daycare situation.

The committee also discussed the February Profession Day. The committee concluded that a day in February was essential for mid-year training.

The committee decided to send the original calendar and the new calendar to the December Board meeting. The new calendar has the entire Thanksgiving week off for all staff.

6. 2017-2018 Calendar Discussion after December Board meeting  
After the December Board meeting when the committee has input from the Board, the committee will reconvene to discuss at 2017-2018 calendar.
7. Next meeting date – January 5, 2016, 3:45pm
8. Other