

Calendar Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2016

1. In attendance: Susan Buescher, Karen Olsen, Ryan Aronson, Becky Dwello, Michelle Harris, Virginia Herbst, Sunny Matteson.
Absent: Michelle Mooney
2. The meeting objective to prepare a preliminary calendar for 2017-2018 to go to the February Board meeting was discussed.
3. Committee members reviewed the adopted calendar for 2016-2017. Changes made by the Board included a one day earlier start for teacher training which resulted in school ending one day earlier. The Board approved no school for instructional staff and students the week of Thanksgiving.
4. Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed.
5. Updated guidelines from the McCall-Donnelly School District Calendar Committee were reviewed.
6. 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
7. Committee members looked at options for 2017-2018. The discussion centered on optimizing student attendance based on configurations of teacher training days and Christmas break. A proposed calendar was constructed. Susan Buescher said she would put committee suggestions on the calendar template and send to committee members and administrators. It was also suggested that committee members attend the Board meeting when the proposed calendar was presented.
8. The next meeting date will be determined after input from buildings and administrators has been collected.

