

2018-2019 Calendar Committee Results

The calendar committee met on December 13th to discuss options for the 2018-2019 school calendar.

Attached to this agenda item is a copy of the school calendar policy for your reference along with two calendar options that were discussed. As a note for those unable to attend, the variable calendar option which is listed in the policy that references a start date around the Monday closest to August 26th, WAS NOT viewed as a viable option at this point in part because of the partnerships that we have with other districts relative to trade school students and other events in which we collaborate with other districts. We are unaware of any district in the first two regions of the state that is using a variable calendar option. This option would force us to look at eliminating the week long fall break.

With that being said, the attached calendar options are very similar with a week's difference in the start and end dates for the school year. Fall Break is scheduled so as to be the same for our trade school students that attend the ATC and the same as the other school districts in the second region. Both options contain the week long Thanksgiving Break option however the Christmas Break does end on a Tuesday of the week before Christmas. There was discussion about whether people might like to take the two days the week before Christmas and put them on the week of Thanksgiving which would eliminate the week long Thanksgiving Break. Discussion was also had as to adding two additional student instructional days into the school calendar. The current calendar complies with the requirements of at least 1062 instructional hours in no less than 170 student days. Our current school year is 170 instructional days. If two additional instructional days are added to the calendar that would put instructional days at 172 days and take some adjustments to the calendar options, budget and possibly contracts.

The meeting was adjourned with the calendar committee agreeing to provide feedback through email on the following questions. The feedback from the representatives of the committee is listed under each question.

1. Which calendar option – Option 1 or Option 2 is preferred?
SLES – Prefers Option 2 with 37 votes and Option 1 received 10 votes
NLES – Prefers Option 2 with 10 votes and Option 1 received 1 vote
LCMS – All but two people prefer Option 2
LCHS – Prefers Option 1 with 24 votes to Option 2 with 15 votes
Parent representative input – Prefer option 2
Community/Tourism input – Prefer option 2
Board Member input – Option 2 with the addition of 2 instructional days
2. Would the two instructional days at Christmas, Monday December 17th and Tuesday December 18th, like to be moved to the two days before Thanksgiving thereby eliminating the week off at Thanksgiving?
SLES – Prefers to keep the week long Thanksgiving Break
NLES – One person provided feedback about moving the two days to Christmas break; a few others said the week at Thanksgiving was nice but maybe not needed
LCMS – No feedback specific to this question

LCHS – No feedback specific to this question

Parent representative input – No feedback specific to this question

Community/Tourism input – No feedback specific to this question

Board Member input – No feedback specific to this question

3. What are the opinions/interest/concerns/advantages to adding two instructional days to the school calendar?

SLES – Feedback from the representative indicated that there was no interest in adding two additional instructional days

NLES – 7 people do not want to add the additional instructional days, three had no opinion either way and one questioned how this would affect their planning(G) days.

LCMS – No feedback specific to this question

LCHS – No feedback specific to this question

Parent representative input – Not in favor of adding two additional instructional days

Community/Tourism input – No feedback specific to this question

Board Member input – Add two additional instructional days

The average daily operating expenses in the district for the first three months of this school year was \$51,198.82.