

Calendar Task Force Meeting Minutes
Baker Center
Room 208
3908 Avenue B
October 4, 2017

Attendees: John Rocha, Eddie Curran, Thyrun Hurst, Kris Hafezizadeh, Heidi Langan, Rick Bartel, Les Ready, Debra Ready, Lynn Pool, Chris Cordell, Tammy Caesar, Jennifer Moore, Michael Garrison, Rudy Reyes, Kristen Hilsabeck, Brenda Richmond, Paul Mitchell, Jim Wetter, Carla Roberson, Margarita Reyna and Dr. Gloria Williams

Gloria Williams called the 2018-2019 Calendar Task Force Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

I. Welcome/Introductions

The committee members were welcomed back.

II. Calendar Survey Process

Cinda Christian, from the AISD Research and Accountability, joined the meeting via conference call and was able to lead the members through a presentation of last year's calendar voting process. During the process over 20,000 ballots for the 2017 – 2018 calendar were cast. Ms. Christian discussed the various ways that parents are notified of the calendar survey by School Messenger, Telephone Text and Email. The committee offered another way to conduct the survey, by adding a link to the Parent Cloud. Staff members in the Student Data Management Department agreed to work with Ms. Christian's office to execute this addition. Ms. Christian was thanks for her time, and she will join the members at the next meeting.

III. Calendar Draft Presentations and Discussion

The committee members began discussion of the calendars that were designed by each group.

The Yellow Group members include: Joey Crumley, Lisa Robertson, Freda Mills, Kris Hafezizadeh, Tammy Caesar, Michael Garrison, John Rocha, Eddie Curran and Edna Butts.

This Calendar Draft included the following unique features:

- First Day of School: August 22, 2018
- Last Day of School: May 30, 2019

- 22 Holidays: July 4; September 3; November 19 – 23 (Thanksgiving Break -5 days); December 24 – January 2 (Winter Break – 8 days); January 21; March 18-22 (Spring Break); and May 27.
- 11 Teacher Work Days (without students): August 15 – 17; August 20-21; January 3-4; April 19 and May 31
- 2 Bad Weather Make-Up Days: February 18 and April 19
- 176 Student Instruction Days
- 187 Teacher Contract Days

Committee discussed and the following edits were made to this calendar:

- First Day of School: August 21, 2018
- 10 Teacher Work Days (without students): August 15 – 16; August 17 & 20; October 8; January 3-4; February 18; April 19 and May 31
- 177 Student Instruction Days

The Blue Group members include: Adrienne Williams, James Brewster, Jennifer Moore, Kristen Hilsabeck, Rachel Naugle, Thyrun Hurst and Neil Bonavita.

This Calendar Draft included the following unique features:

- First Day of School: August 21, 2018
- Last Day of School: May 31, 2019
- 24 Holidays: July 4; September 3; November 19 – 23 (Thanksgiving Break -5 days); December 24 – January 4 (Winter Break – 10 days); January 21; March 18-22 (Spring Break); and May 27.
- 11 Teacher Work Days (without students): August 13 – 20; January 7; April 19 and June 3
- 2 Bad Weather Make-Up Days: February 18 and April 19
- 176 Student Instruction Days
- 188 Teacher Contract Days

Committee discussed these calendar issues and the following edits were made to this calendar:

- Last Day of School: May 30, 2019

- 23 Holidays: July 4; September 3; November 19 – 23 (Thanksgiving Break -5 days); December 24 – January 3 (Winter Break – 9 days); January 21; March 18-22 (Spring Break); and May 27.
- 10 Teacher Work Days (without students): August 14 – 20; October 8; January 4; February 18; April 19 and May 31
- 177 Student Instruction Days
- 187 Teacher Contract Days

The Green Group, members include: Les Ready, Brenda Richmond, Paul Mitchell, Heidi Langan, Lynn Pool, Chris Cordell and Jim Wetter.

There were several errors in the development of this calendar and the group decided not to present it, but to instead support the calendar drafts that had been discussed.

IV. Calendar Committee Calendar Decision

The Committee determined that there were enough unique featured calendars presented that they could vote to determine the calendars to send up for the community vote. All members were asked to choose three (3) calendars:

___ Traditional calendar with 5 days for Thanksgiving

___ Traditional Calendar with 3 days Thanksgiving

___ Yellow Group Calendar

___ Blue Group Calendar

Twenty-two (22) ballots were collected from the members

The next Calendar Taskforce Meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 18, 2017, Room 208 at the Baker Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carla Roberson