

Calendar Committee

December 11, 2012

Minutes

Members in attendance:

Jan Davis
Pat Briggs
Lisa Mitchell
Beverly Cavender
Mandie Champagne
Lisa Badon
Mary Simon

Brenda Duhon
Staci Gary
Mark Keith
Mike Spencer
Scarlet Hammersmith
Becky Romero

Two different calendar draft options and the tentative 2013-2014 state assessment calendar was handed out.

Mike Spencer reported March 10-14, 2014, are the dates Lamar University has scheduled their Spring Break. Port Arthur and Nederland will have the same schedule for their Spring Breaks.

Much discussion was given to the new calendar and many scenarios were presented. A voting of calendar options by district employees was discussed, but after much feedback was given the committee decided a vote was not necessary.

School will begin on August 26, 2013, and end on May 29, 2014. The general consensus was to go with option two and have the third six weeks ending in January instead of December. The other change was to end the second six weeks on November 8, 2013, instead of November 15 because of EOC testing in December at the high school.

DEIC recommended to follow a similar staff development/preparation day plan as was set for the 2012-2013 school year with 3 extra staff development days.

Bad weather days are as follows: January 20 and 1/2-day/early dismissal prior to Christmas break (December 20) and the end of school (May 29). Early dismissals for elementary parent conferences will be October 8-9 and February 11. These elementary early release dates will be reviewed by administration. Middle schools and high schools will not be released early on these dates.

Submitted by:

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