

DEIC Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2015 - WGEC Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Staci Gary.

New Business:

■ DEIC Training

- Staci Gary reviewed key points of the PowerPoint presentation:
 - who can/cannot represent groups (parents, community representatives, business representatives)
 - ensure communication is maintained
 - duties of DEIC (final slides)
- Staci called for questions from DEIC members; there were none.

■ Calendar Committee Discussion

- Tanya Davis reviewed the two options for the 2016-2017 calendar. She pointed out that there are certain important dates to consider, including the dates of Christmas/Winter Break and the first day of school for students.
- Calendar Draft #3 features 177 total school (student) days.
- Calendar Draft #4 features 175 total school (student) days.
- Tanya explained that we need a calendar committee.
Volunteers were called for. Volunteers include:
 - Donna Cole, Darlene Mills, Mary Jane Moore, Jamie Perkins, Mike Spencer, and Paisley Ware. Mary Jane Moore also pointed out that Pat Briggs would be a

valuable asset to the calendar committee because of her UIL expertise.

- The calendar committee will meet the week of November 30 to discuss specifics.
- Mandie Champagne asked the DEIC for considerations for the calendar committee. She also said members should email Dana LaRue with any future questions or considerations; Dana LaRue would then pass along those questions or considerations to the calendar committee.
 - Angela Abel pointed out that teachers have repeatedly expressed an interest in having an in-service training day in the fall (October or November) in order to implement new curriculum, new technology, etc., and to meet with grade level peers.
 - Both Draft #3 and Draft #4 of the 2016-2017 calendar offer a staff development day on October 10. Elementary conferences would not be affected.
 - Dr. Gonzales reminded the group that waiver days cannot be used *before* school starts. He also reminded the group that the calendar committee will make recommendations, but campus principals will also have a say in the final calendar.

Staci Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 P.M.

*The next DEIC meeting will be held at 3:30 P.M. on January 18, 2016 in the WGEC Board Room. The Calendar Committee will

bring recommendations to DEIC at this time in order to present the information at the February School Board Meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana LaRue (11-17-15)