



PROGRAM SERVICES MINUTES

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Wednesday, January 18th at 4:00pm

Mrs. Tuma's Room

In Attendance: Stephanie Smitley, Diane Sterna, Angie Tuma, Mike McNulty, Janelle Mellgren, Julie Herman, Jennifer Halko, Victoria Regehr, Shelly Meier, Tina Houglum, Marilyn Torvik, Lori Chivers

I. Discussion of 2017-2018 Calendar

There were 4 calendars presented to the staff and committee. 2 started on Sept 5 and 2 started Sept 11. One version of each had an extra 5 days of professional development and the other version had an extra 2 days of professional development. A survey was sent to staff to give feedback and vote for which version they preferred. Calendar 1B (Sept 5 start with 2 extra PD days) received the most votes. At the board meeting last night, Kou Vang discussed the current expansion timeline. He was confident school would be able to start Sept 5 with only the gym not completely finished. With that in mind and the comments from staff, the committee decided to focus on the Sept 5 start with 2 extra PD days.

From there, the committee looked at the dates of DDI testing. It was decided to move DDI a little later in the year for Interims 1 & 2. Discussion then turned to making dates in October, November & December not so choppy and combining conferences, holidays, etc to make more weeks with 5 full days of school instead of several weeks of 3 to 4 days of school. Several ideas were discussed. It was decided to stop for now, get a new calendar with the DDI dates adjusted and then go from there.

Mr. McNulty will make the adjustments discussed and send to the committee later this week.

Adjourned: 5:05pm