



Park Hill School District

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Calendar Committee Meeting

October 25, 2022

Committee members:

Gerner Education Center - Kirsten Abbey	Hawthorn Elementary - Kylie Hoffman
Congress Middle School - Leslie Aldred	Graden Elementary - Hannah Huffaker
Union Chapel Elementary - Sara Becker	Building Administrator - Sasha Kalis
Park Hill South - Barbara Bell	Plaza Middle School - Alicia Kershaw
Park Hill High School - Brandt Bell	English Landing Elementary - Cortney McQueen
Lakeview Middle School - Jeremy Benninghoff	Prairie Point Elementary - Stacie Roach
Chinn Elementary School – Felicia Bowles	LEAD Innovation Studio - Kelly Seymour
Walden Middle School - John Burke	Park Hill High School - Jane Smith
Line Creek Elementary - Diana Carroll	Park Hill South - Leo Smith
Prairie Point Elementary – Carrie Codding	Tiffany Ridge Elementary - Alissa Stott
Russell Jones Education Center - Melissa Coleman	Southeast Elementary - Jacob Tomasich
Parent - Adeng De Warabeck	Parent - Julie Vande Ven
Parent - Amy Gallawa	Renner Elementary - Grant Williams
Hopewell Elementary - Jonathon Henderson	

Attendance

Committee members present included Sara Becker, Brandt Bell, Diana Carroll, Carrie Codding, Amy Gallawa, Jonathon Henderson, Kylie Hoffman, Hannah Huffaker, Sasha Kalis, Cortney McQueen, Kelly Seymour, Jane Smith, Leo Smith, Alissa Stott, Jacob Tomasich, Julie Vande Ven and Grant Williams. Others present included Dr. Mike Kimbrel, Superintendent, Dr. Amy Dillon, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mandy Frayer, PHNEA President and Angela Wooldridge, Executive Administrative Assistant – Human Resources.

Following introductions, Dr. Dillon described the function and time commitment of committee participation. This year three meetings are anticipated to develop a calendar for board approval. Our goal is to present the draft at the December 8th, 2022 board meeting for a 30-day read and approval at the January 12th, 2023 meeting. At the next meeting, the team will begin drafting a proposed calendar.

Missouri state law RsMO 171.031 regarding school calendars was reviewed. For the 2023-2024 school year the earliest possible first day of school is Monday, August 21st, 2023.

Defining parameters of the academic calendar include:

- New teachers work 191 days. Returning teachers work 188 days.
 - 1.5 days for parent/teacher conferences
 - 4 days for staff professional development
 - 5.5 teacher workdays
- Students attend 177 days

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Other considerations include holidays and breaks.

Members shared and discussed some strengths and weaknesses of the 2022-2023 calendar.

Strengths:

- End first semester before winter break
- Day off in April
- Finished by Memorial Day
- Full week off for Spring Break
- Workday at the end of each quarter
- No school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving

Weaknesses:

- Wished April day off was added to winter break
- Some early release days are too close to breaks
- Half day workday before the start of school. Could be moved to an early out in September or October and could vary for elementary/middle and high schools
- Starting the school year on a Monday is difficult. Would prefer to start on a Wednesday.
- December 22nd in school
- All professional development days before the start of school
- Lack of balance in the quarters

Goals for 2022-2023:

- Balanced quarters
- Finish before Memorial Day
- Longer winter break
- Schedule with the summer school start date in mind
- Spread out professional development days
- 3-day Thanksgiving break
- Weeklong spring break
- Don't begin on a Monday
- Workday at the end of each quarter
- Finish 1st semester before winter break
- Move the August half day
- No early release the same week as a holiday
- Align with neighboring school districts, especially Platte County Northland Career Center

Nominations were made for Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and were approved as follows:

Chair: Grant Williams

Vice Chair: Sara Becker

Secretary: Alissa Stott

The committee was tasked with reviewing the two starting drafts of the 2023-2024 calendar with the reminder that this draft is merely a starting point.

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, at 4:15 p.m. at Gerner Family Early Childhood Center. After the November 9th meeting a survey will be sent to gather community feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Angela Wooldridge

Executive Administrative Assistant – Human Resources