



Park Hill School District

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Calendar Committee Meeting

October 26, 2021

Committee members:

District Facilitator - Bill Redinger	Prairie Point Elementary - Mindy Weinzerl
Building Administrator - Sasha Kalis	Lakeview Middle School - Ryan Steitz
Park Hill South High School - Leo Smith	Walden Middle School - Betsy Kohmetscher
Hawthorn Elementary - Kylie Hoffman	Park Hill South High School - Jean McCoy
Prairie Point Elementary - Stacie Roach	Parent - Jennifer Johnson
Plaza Middle School - Alicia Kershaw	English Landing Elementary - Cortney McQueen
Park Hill High School - Megan Carnes	Graden Elementary - Hannah Huffaker
LEAD Innovation Studio - Kelly Seymour	Renner Elementary - Grant Williams
Parent - Julie Vande Ven	Southeast Elementary - Jacob Tomasich
Parent - Sarah Totta	Russell Jones Education Center - Madalyn Schmidt
Congress Middle School - Kelsey Kumsher	Park Hill High School - Jane Smith
Gerner Family EEC - Victoria Hascall	Chinn Elementary - Kayla Benson
Hopewell Elementary - Alex Stucky	Tiffany Ridge Elementary - Alissa Stott
Line Creek Elementary - Abby Biehl	Parent - Adeng De Warabeck
Union Chapel Elementary - Bekha Embrey	

Attendance

Committee members present included Dr. Bill Redinger, Leo Smith, Kylie Hoffman, Alicia Kershaw, Megan Carnes, Julie Vande Ven, Victoria Hascall, Alex Stucky, Abby Biehl, Bekha Embrey, Mindy Weinzerl, Ryan Steitz, Jean McCoy, Cortney McQueen, Hannah Huffaker, Jacob Tomasich, Madalyn Schmidt, Jane Smith, Kayla Benson, Alissa Stott and Adeng De Warabeck. Others present included Dr. Jill Owens, PHNEA President, Marcus Fryatt, Director of Assessment and Angela Wooldridge, Executive Administrative Assistant – Human Resources.

Following introductions, Dr. Redinger 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 9th, 2021 board meeting for a 30-day read and approval at the January 13th, 2021 meeting. At the next meeting, the team will begin drafting a proposed calendar.

Missouri state law RsMO 171.031 regarding school calendars was reviewed.

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 2021-2022 calendar.

Strengths:

- Early release days are aligned for all levels.
- There is a day off in April.
- There are workdays at the end of each quarter.
- The Friday before the first day of school was a half day for teachers.
- The first semester ends before winter break.
- The last day of school is before Memorial Day.
- Thanksgiving break is three days.
- Spring break is aligned with neighboring districts.
- Workdays
- Elementary and middle school parent/teacher conferences are offered during the daytime.
- The last day of school is a half day for students.

Weaknesses:

- The first week of school is a full 5-day week.
- 4 days before school starts are professional development. Not enough workdays before school started.
- Some teachers worked a full day on the half workday August 20th.
- High school parent/teacher conferences are only offered in the evenings.
- Having school the Monday after Halloween on Sunday could be challenging.
- Summer school starts late.

Goals for 2022-2023:

- Set dates for parent/teacher conferences.
- End before Memorial Day.
- Make the first week of school a shorter week.
- Make the last day before winter break and the last day of school half days.
- Maintain workdays at the end of each quarter.
- Have a day off in April.
- Maintain a 3-day Thanksgiving break.
- First semester ends before winter break.
- Align spring break with neighboring school districts.
- Have a day off in February.
- Maintain the alignment of early release days for all levels.

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

Chair: Alicia Kershaw

Vice Chair: Mindy Weinzerl

Secretary: Alissa Stott

The committee was tasked with reviewing the starting draft calendar for 2022-2023 with the reminder that this draft is merely a starting point.

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th, 2021, at 4:15 p.m. in room 230 at the district office. After the November 10th meeting a survey will be sent to gather community feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Angela Wooldridge

Executive Administrative Assistant – Human Resources