

Scheduling/Calendar/Attendance Subcommittee agenda/notes, 8/4/20

In attendance - Angie, Molly P., Molly F., Carly, Teri, Char, Kendra, Paula

1. Welcome!
2. Scheduling - Parent survey results indicated that 65% prefer the AA/BB hybrid schedule compared to 29% who preferred the A/B. Staff survey results indicated that 52% preferred the AA/BB and 56.6% preferred the A/B. Greg will be recommending to the Board tonight to adopt the AA/BB schedule (with Wednesdays being the online day for both cohorts). Greg also shared this morning in admin that he and the Board are getting lots of push back from parents on the delayed 9/14 start. Our team had MUCH discussion about the amount of work we need to do before students arrive. Our list included collaboration and planning time for staff teaching the hybrid model, online only model, a mix of both at the secondary level. We need to get a pre-registration out to parents to know what model they are selecting for their child. Master schedules/class lists need to be created after that deadline. Once we know which teachers are online only, we need to divvy them up to the remaining teachers. Logistics such as recess, hallway passing times, lunchroom, etc. need to be figured out. We need trained in Canvas. We need to review the Health and Safety protocols determined by that committee. The list went on and on! Even though the Oversight Committee isn't meeting until Wednesday, our members felt quite strongly to send the Board members a letter from this subcommittee today since they meet tonight, outlining all of these tasks and requesting that they seriously consider a 9/14 delayed start so we can be best prepared for staff, students, and parents. Kendra will draft a letter to the Board and send it out to the subcommittee members for editing and approval before sending to the Board and Greg. We agreed to review it by noon today so it can be sent by 1 p.m.
3. Calendar - We reviewed the latest AA/BB draft calendar that Angie created (many thanks Angie!). We discussed the Wednesday online only days being a 2:15 early release for collaboration, just like Fridays. Wednesday online days count towards our overall instructional minutes. We hope the Board approves and pushes out the calendar to parents ASAP.
4. Attendance - we discussed how important it is to delineate between attendance and kids not doing the work but still showing up (and how that should be reflected in their grades, not attendance). Canvas does keep track when kids log on. Our homework is to look for any samples from other districts of what and how they are counting attendance online and in the hybrid models. We also need to discuss what recommendations we have for the admin team for what we do when attendance is a concern. Is Attendance Court even a "thing" anymore this school year? Board has the attendance policy on their agenda for the 26th Board meeting so it would be good to give them some recommendations from our group before then.
5. Next meeting...Friday, 8/14 at 8 a.m.