

District Advisory Council
Board Room, Administration Building
January 18, 2017
3:50 P.M.

Members Present:	Kara Argenbright Hannah Carrington Miki Eddins Susan Reynolds	Carla Baxley Bryan Cole Holly Folmar Craig Roberts	Brandi Boles Kim Coleman Anna Hicks Juli Varosi	Sonja Bolton Rachel Draper Michael Lamb Dr. Mario Villarino
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Members Absent: Kourtney McDonald Heather Salverino

Others Present:	Jason Evans Lisa Robinson	Sherry McGraw Josh Williams	Kristin Monk	Marci Owens
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Mr. Lamb called the meeting to order. He told members they would be working on the 2017-2018 school calendar and asked for likes or dislikes about the current calendar. The following were listed:

<u>Likes</u>	<u>Dislikes</u>
Week off for Thanksgiving	Coming back on January 2
Ending 1 st semester before Christmas	Short 1 st semester
2 Staff prep days after Christmas break (intention 1 work day/one PLC day)	Extra days on end of year/part of a week
8 days of staff prep before school starts	Maybe lessen PD days @ start if getting a lot done during and end of year
Students getting out May 23	

Lamb reminded the members that per legislature, classes cannot start before the 4th Monday of August. For the 17-18 school year that would mean students not starting until August 28. He then explained *Innovative Schools* program that district can apply for. He said would benefit district by being able to start classes earlier. He said the DAC would be the committee to determine if the district wants to participate.

Lamb then showed members a draft 2017-18 school calendar based on participation in the program. He said there could be a longer 1st semester, including 2 extra teacher days – one before 2nd six weeks and one before 3rd six weeks. He asked members how they felt about the last day of school being December 22 and Christmas break going from December 25 through January 5, with teachers returning on January 8 and students on January 10? Following discussion, it was proposed to possibly start the break on half a day December 21. It was also suggested that the Fall Festival holiday could be used as a student holiday/teacher work day in the future.

Lamb said the four areas that would be used to request to be an school of innovation would be:

Earlier start date	Flexibility with KG 22:1 ratio
Certification wiggle room	Ability for 2 nd year probationary contract

He said that this would eliminate some paperwork for waiver requests, etc. He said the council would discuss the subject in depth at their February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.