

Directors' Meeting
10.18.16 – 10:30 a.m.

Present:

Cartner
Sanders
Cox
Austin

Cowell
Davenport
Ewers
Hawkins

Heath
James-Davis
Lane
Parker

Pauley
Sawyer
Thompson

Dr. Cartner opened the meeting.

Dr. Cartner distributed information regarding school calendar changes for days missed (October 10-14) due to flooding following Hurricane Matthew. He indicated that of the options proposed the Board selected Option B and the changes will be:

October 10th -- will become a “built in annual leave day” for staff and March 20th will become a regular student day

October 11th – instructional hours missed will be made up on November 22 and December 21 (both were originally scheduled as early release days and will become full days)

October 12th – will be made up on November 23, 2016 and will be an early release day (this day was originally an optional teacher workday)

October 13th & 14th – banked instructional hours will be used to make up time missed

He asked staff to share that the October 31 required workday was not an option as a commitment has been made for a speaker to conduct poverty training for staff and the community on the 31st. He indicated that he is working on community update e-mail for the calendar that will explain the changes, a revised calendar will be printed and information will be posted on the district website.

Good news and information was shared as follows:

James-Davis gave kudos to CTE staff at the high schools for being recognized at the state level for percentage of industry level credentials received by students. (*Note: Dr. Cartner asked James-Davis to get names of individuals teaching these classes to Sawyer so they can be recognized at a future Board meeting.*)

Lane shared that everything is moving forward with Goldenrod Grant for RRMS and he is hopeful to have things up and running by December. He indicated he has spoken with John Parker from the Center for Inquiry Based Learning and the district has been asked to participate in a grant that would allow use of the Center's learning modules. He will update when he hears more.

Davenport reported that School Improvement Plans are coming together. Principals of low performing schools presented their plans to the Board on Monday. Other schools will present in November.

Lane reported that Sharon Meads (RRMS Assistant Principal) & Lashekia Brothers (RRMS AIG Facilitator) will be presenting at the Middle School Science Conference in Greensboro.

Austin reported that in an effort to support teachers with implementation of the *K-3 Formative Assessment Process* the Office of Early Learning will be using videos and photos highlighting outstanding teachers. Rachel Benton, teacher at Central Elementary, has agreed to participate in this effort on October 20, 2016.

Hawkins reported that Lindsay Cahoon will present on error analysis at the Math Conference.

Ewers reported that Renee Tamarelli will present on behavior strategies at the Exceptional Children's Conference.

James-Davis reported that NHS CTE teacher, Sheila Hughes, flipped lessons during time out. James-Davis has reminded CTE staff that this is a good way for students to not miss out on instruction.

Davenport reported that Tammy Pawloski is on go for the professional development scheduled for October 31st. A press release and flyer will go out inviting the community and informing teachers of the schedule (8:30-11:30 for elementary schools and 12:30-3:30 for secondary schools). The Parent Center will provide "stress kits" for each teacher and they will be distributed at the training.

Dr. Cartner encouraged everyone to get the word out to the community about the poverty training.

Ewers reported that she will be meeting with nurses on October 31 to update the district's nursing manual. Cartner asked Ewers to contact Christy Saunders at Emergency Management regarding Critical Incident Plans.

Sawyer indicated the NHS Vet Science Team is competing at the National level this week.

Lane indicated Carol Gardner, with Learning Focused, will be coming in this week to work with new hires and instructional coaches.

Dr. Cartner suggested that all directors and Program Services staff use the district PD calendar to prevent double booking of folks. Davenport will share the calendar with everyone and give rights to add events to the calendar.

Hawkins shared that she will meet on Wednesday with folks interested in working on National Boards for Professional Teaching Standards.

Dr. Cartner reported that Wayne Beasley (EDSSolutions, Inc.) will be working with principals, instructional coaches and district staff on pivot tables as part of the Leadership Team Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21st. Mr. Beasley will be with us from 12:30-4:00 p.m. Sanders reminded everyone to bring their laptops to the meeting.

Dr. Cartner asked for additional comments or questions and hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.