

Directors' Meeting
1.16.18 – 10:30 a.m.

Present:

Cartner	Cox	Flach	Hawkins	Sawyer
Lassiter	Austin	Floyd, F.	James-Davis	Thompson
Sanders	Davenport	Floyd, T.	Lane	

Dr. Cartner discussed the forecast for snow later in the week and shared that he is monitoring weather reports. He reported that he is optimistic that school can open on Wednesday and will make decisions regarding any needed changes to the school day as soon as possible.

Dr. Cartner reviewed a proposed plan to make up time missed due to inclement weather to date. He will meet with Non-Certified and Teacher Advisory Councils this afternoon to discuss the proposed plan of adding 10 minutes to each instructional day in the second semester and to change all early release days to regular days. The district needs 1 additional hour to meet the state requirement of 1025 hours of instruction and adding 10 minutes to each day would provide an additional 14.3 hours – this would give some “banked” time for inclement weather. He discussed possible “days” available for making up time (February 26, March 30, spring break) and there was group discussion about the pros/cons of scheduling Saturday school. A question was asked about increasing the additional minutes to provide for more banked time and Dr. Cartner indicated it could be done, but at present he was recommending 10 minutes.

Dr. Cartner discussed the calendar requirements based on State law for students (*1025 hours of instruction or 185 days*) and 10-month employees/teachers (*215 days of employment*). He indicated that the district is working with non-certified staff to try and prevent employees from losing pay for days missed by allowing them to make-up time. Child nutrition employees will be impacted by the loss of days as they will not be able to make up time due to scheduling/funding requirements.

Dr. Sanders reported that she and Hawkins are working with principals regarding testing schedules. The State testing window for high schools requires all testing be completed within five days of the first day of testing.

Dr. Cartner thanked F. Floyd and T. Floyd for the work their departments did over the last two weeks to get buses and facilities ready for students to return following the snow.

Davenport shared the following:

- the Title I Family & Community Center has ordered a program that will “tweet” family tips to parents on a scheduled basis
- A video series and online electronic library for all grade levels (English & Spanish versions) ordered and information will posted and linked via Facebook for parent access.
- information stations have been ordered for all schools
- Title I Parent & Community Center referral cards will be provided to principals
- Title I Parent & Community Center is now on Twitter (#ecppsfcc)
- Focus this week is on college application process and financial aid
- Beverly Fonville is on board full-time
- Work being done to plan a community event to focus on summer opportunities
- Federal funds have dropped and she is able to process POs.

James-Davis shared the following:

- a teacher for the PCHS Agricultural Education program was hired
- post assessment results for CTE increased for all subgroups from 73.3% in 2015-16 to 83.4% in 2016-17
- a health educator position a NHS was offered, however the applicant declined after being offered more money from her current employer -- if a candidate is not available, plans are to change the class to a business class for 2nd semester

Dr. Sanders reported that a math teacher has been hired for PCHS.

Cox reported that several teachers in the district will qualify for bonuses (as defined by the General Assembly) based on test scores.

F. Floyd reported the following:

- Due to inconsistencies with HVAC units across the district he has asked DPI Plant Operations to conduct an assessment in the district.
- There has been some improvement in the Northside system after lines were flushed over the weekend and they are continuing to monitor the system.

T. Floyd reported that based on projections at this point the Transportation Department is improving efficiency and will

need less local funding.

Dr. Sanders gave a shout out for PCHS Interim Principal, Melvin Hawkins and complimented his work at the school.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.