

Teacher Advisory Committee
9.12.17
3:30 p.m.

Present:

Cartner, Larry
Lassiter, Steve
Sanders, Joanne

Boone-Thompson, Elsie
Comstock, Ed.
Davis, Linda
Fulford, Monica
Harrell, Jessica
Hughes, Sheila

Lilley, Linda
Nixon, Chad
Rountree, Eugene
Santana, Myraida
Towell, John
Wooten, Liz

Dr. Cartner welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefed new members on the operation of the Teacher Advisory Council.

Time was provided for members to review responses to questions submitted prior to the meeting.

Dr. Cartner commented that a question about change in the schedule for payment of supplements was submitted for both the NCAC and the Teacher Advisory Council. He indicated there are no district changes planned for the payment schedule of supplements and they will continue to be paid in November and May as in the past. He indicated the State will pay bonuses to teachers meeting certain criteria in January, but the district has no control over that timeline.

Dr. Cartner asked for additional questions.

Dr. Cartner discussed the day missed on August 29th and the school calendar requirements for hours of instruction for students and days of employment for 10-month employees. He explained the day missed was called a workday to meet the requirements for 10-month employees to work 215 days. He proposed using the early release days scheduled for November 8 & 9, making them full days to recoup the six hours of instruction missed on August 29th. He discussed the need to maintain “banked” instructional time for possible inclement weather during winter months. Dr. Cartner asked TAC members to talk with their colleagues and to email him thoughts/comments about the proposed change to the school calendar. He indicated he plans to present the request for flexibility to make that change to the Board of Education this month.

Dr. Cartner discussed questions submitted and encouraged members to discuss “school level” concerns with the principal and to submit “district level” concerns to him.

Dr. Cartner indicated that STAR time for teachers is back for 2017-18 (beginning with the pay period starting on September 11th teachers with perfect attendance will earn 3.5 hours of time to use on optional workdays or inclement weather days).

A question was asked about the 20 minutes added to an elementary school schedule and the amount of time students spend on the bus. Mr. Lassiter responded that there is a state requirement for hours of instruction and the need for all schools to be in compliance. He indicated the changes in opening/closing times were to create increased efficiency on bus routes, which is directly related to the amount of state funding the district receives and to be consistent across the district.

Dr. Cartner shared information on State funding for transportation and the requirement to return funds based on the district's efficiency rating (for every degree of efficiency below 100% a percentage of funds have to be returned). He indicated the goal is for the system to return the least amount of State funding for transportation services which will free up local funds. He also explained that a goal of the staggered bell time was to eliminate the need for second-run bus loads at schools.

Dr. Cartner expressed appreciation for a good opening for the 2017-18 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.