

DOI Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2016

Start Time: 4:01pm

End Time: 5:40pm

Committee members in attendance:

- Recap the charge of DOI
 - Innovation in thinking can address Texas Education Code, and we can ask for flexibility around them. We looked at things we could and could not do at the last meeting. We have access to all the same information so please do your homework. We want to look at ideas that will be good for WFISD as a whole.
 - Calendar (committee & date Nov 29)

- Access information (homework & timeline)

- Plan (format, ideas, which codes, etc.)
 - Cunningham asked if anyone came up with a plan besides Mr. Fox.
 - Larry has created a mock plan so that we can work together on what we would like to do and what we would like to take out. Larry passed out the plan to all members present
 - Looked over learning environment, scheduling, staffing (questions about Education Code came up from Shannon Cunningham), (Question about non-certified teachers came up such as plumber)
 - Looked over wavier details
 - The question came up about the timeline of the plan and were we planning to get this out quickly (rumor around the district).
 - Are there any other ideas that could help with our students such as scheduling and start time?
 - Questions/Concerns from Committee:
 1. Would moving start date effect Fall UIL, Sports Events (summer practices), Band, etc.-Simmons
 2. Fear of sliding days will impact STAAR testing.
 3. Calendar does not start until the third Monday in August.
 4. Start time altered would affect several things.

5. Busing came up about doing routes for feeder patterns in High School, Jr. High, and Elementary (all on the same bus).
6. Build time in for students who need extra time.
7. Concern about late start time in high schools would affect game times, practice times, etc.
8. Shifting times to make it work for a late start for secondary.
9. Look at AB (block) scheduling for secondary. Looking at how Science, ELA...the great things you could do with that. Was at Zundy Junior High at one time and teachers saw success in students and their academic achievements.
10. Approval/disapproval of start times the past year when board addressed it.
11. Our district is in need of flexibility.
12. With flexibility, we do need some checks and balances.
13. Data to back up the need for flexibility.
14. One size does not fit all.
15. Minimum minutes of instruction with flexibility: 420 is minimum minutes of instruction and district is at 435 minutes of instruction. The concern with an eight period day and moving to seven period day.
16. Attendance and minutes are recorded differently this school year.
17. Option- give the flexibility of 5% to adjust 420 minutes on their campus
18. Put a charge out to campus site base committees on each campus and ask if you could do anything on your campus what would that look like.
19. Slidell and San Antonio Plans were brought up in the meeting.
20. Voice of Educators-
-Educators felt rushed in having to make decisions on calendar last meeting and concerns with agenda created.

Next Steps:

Dealing with one issue at a time advantages and disadvantages. Look over the mock plan and make notes on what you would like to see and change. Start with #2 Scheduling. We will address this in next meeting scheduled.

- Next meeting date Monday, November 28th 4:15-5:30 pm
*vote on areas, set-up, minutes, disseminate, sign-in sheets