

School Calendar Steering Group

Meeting #1

December 11, 2012



Meeting Objectives

- To provide a context for the School Calendar Review Steering Group
- To confirm School Calendar Review Steering Group roles, responsibilities, expected outcomes and process timeline
- To provide an overview of relevant legislation, history and considerations related to the school calendar
- To solicit Steering Group member perspectives and values regarding the school calendar
- To clarify next steps including additional information needs, homework and subsequent meetings



Proposed Agenda

- Context for School Calendar Review Steering Group
- Process Overview – Steering Group Mandate , Roles, Responsibilities and Expected Outcomes
- Overview of Background Information
- Steering Group Discussion (Breakout Groups)
- Confirmation of Agreements and Next Steps



A few guidelines

We will work best if we:

- Honour one voice at a time
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Listen
- Try to be succinct
- Make space for others to participate
- Stay on topic and on time
- Make sure your words are recorded



Context for School Calendar

Steering Group



School Calendar
Steering Group
Process Overview: Roles,
Responsibilities and Expected
Outcomes



Steering Group Role

- Provide advice on the consultation process regarding the 2013-2014 School Calendar,
- Consider legislation, past feedback and other relevant information regarding school calendars,
- Identify perspectives, values and considerations associated with school calendars
- Review and consider consultation feedback
- Make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board of Education regarding the 2013-2014 School Calendar, and
- Participate in ongoing discussion and review for next two to three school calendars



Steering Group Responsibilities

- Attend Steering Group meetings on Dec 11, Jan 8, Jan 24 and Feb 12
- Represent the membership of your organization or constituency
- Attend all meetings
- Keep your constituency informed of SCSG discussions
- Strive to be inclusive of the array of perspectives within your constituency when participating in Steering Group discussions.



Steering Group Expected Outcomes

- Recommendations regarding a school calendar for 2013-2014
- Recommendations for school calendars for subsequent two to three years



Steering Group Communications

- A meeting summary will be generated after each Steering Group meeting.
- A Final Steering Group Group Report will incorporate findings and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee and the Board of Education



Steering Group Timeline

- Dec 11 and Jan 8 - Steering Group meetings
- January 24 - Representative Partner Group discussions
- February 12 – Steering Group meeting
- February 19 - Board Meeting to discuss School Calendar
- Feb 20 – Mar 3 - Public Survey of options for 2013-2014 Calendar
- March 6 - Final School Calendar Steering Group Meeting to consider survey results and confirm recommendations to Executive Committee and the Board of Education



NVSD and School Calendars

Background Information

1. Terms of Reference
2. Board of education Schedule from November 27, 2012
3. Ministry of Education
 - Information Bulletin
 - Ministry Regulation
 - “Instruction” defined
4. School Calendar Bylaw (Policy #904)
5. NVSB/NVTA Collective Agreement Considerations (Working Conditions)
6. NVSB/CUPE #389 Collective Agreement Considerations (Working Conditions)



Questions & Answers



Breakout Group Discussions

- **Questions** – What are your values, perspectives and considerations regarding the school calendar?
 - What issues do we need to talk about regarding the school calendar?
 - What is important to you about these issues?
- **Outcome:** A framework for discussions at the January 8th and 24th meetings



Next Steps

- Develop meeting summary - circulate to Steering Group and post on website
- Steering Group members to communicate progress to constituencies
- Next Meeting – January 8, 2013



Next Steps (cont'd)

Meeting #2 – January 8, 2013

- To confirm the objectives and process for the January 24, 2013 meeting (e.g., similar to graduation dialogue)
- To finalize discussion framework for the January 24 meeting
- To confirm key questions for January 24 meeting
- To clarify next steps including additional information needs, homework and subsequent meetings

Closing / Thank you!

