

School Calendar Steering Group

Meeting #6

June 5, 2013

Meeting Objectives

- Review outcome of March 12, 2013 Board meeting
- Provide feedback regarding the School Calendar Steering Group process and outcomes
- Review and revise SCSG Terms of Reference as needed for next stage of work (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17)
- Clarify next steps including additional information needs, homework and subsequent meetings

Proposed Agenda

- Review outcome of March 12, 2013 Board meeting
- Discussion of feedback regarding SCSG process and outcomes
- Review Terms of Reference for next stage of SCSG work
- Review SCSG process design

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

Review of March 12, 2013 Board Meeting

Guiding Principals

- No dramatic changes to school calendar
- Look at students' best interests first
- Compliance with Ministry of Education requirements
- Compliance with Collective Agreement provisions

Review of March 12, 2013 Board Meeting

Recommendations (approved)

- Winter Break
- Spring Break
- Collaboration Time (7 sessions)
 - Secondary
 - Elementary - (for 13/14 and 14/15 under review)
 - May need some tweaks for 14/15)
- Curriculum Implementation Day
- Start Date
- End Date

Discussion: Feedback on SCSG Process and Outcomes

- Feedback on SCSG Process
 - What worked well?
 - What could be improved?
- Feedback on SCSG Outcome
 - What has been the feedback from your constituency?

Looking Ahead

(Board Mtg March 12/13)

- Representative Steering Group work continues
- One/Two meetings in May/June
- Come together in Late Fall to have a limited review and make a recommendation to the Board of Education for 2014/15
- There needs to be time to further review Collaboration Time at the Elementary level and the start and end dates of the year. This would be their major area of consideration. We will not have enough time to have a serious consideration by the time the 14/15 calendar is required
- Review/Necessity of Policy #904 (School Calendar Bylaw)

SCSG Process Review:
Mandate, Roles, Responsibilities
and Expected Outcomes

Steering Group Role

- Provide advice on the consultation process regarding the School Calendars for the next 3 years
- 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 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 School Calendars

Steering Group Responsibilities

- Attend Steering Group meetings (Dates TBA)
- 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.
- Support in carrying out duties as required
- Others?

Steering Group Expected Outcomes

- Recommendations regarding a school calendar for 2014/15 (for Board adoption in Feb '14)
- Recommendations for a three year calendar (2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18) would ensue in Fall 2014 (for Board adoption in Feb '15)

Steering Group Communications

- A meeting summary will be generated after each Steering Group meeting and posted on the School District Website
- A Final Steering Group Summary will incorporate findings and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee and the Board of Education

Steering Group Timeline (TBC)

- October 2013 – Steering Group Meeting (date TBA)
- Representative Partner Group discussions ?
- Public consultation?
- Date? - Final School Calendar Steering Group Meeting (Late January or Early February '14) to consider consultation information and confirm recommendations to Executive Committee and the Board of Education for 2014/15, etc.

Other SCSG Process Revisions?

- Continuity of membership?
- Working Group tasks and responsibilities?
- Information requirements?

Next Steps

Next Meeting – October, 2013

➤ *Work between now and then?*

Closing / Thank you!