



PULLMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Calendar Committee

January 20, 2022 - Meeting Notes

The meeting was held in the Community Room at the District Office.

Attendance:

- Superintendent - Bob Maxwell
- Executive Director of Operations – Joe Thornton, Facilitator
- Elementary Associate Administrator – Kelly Laird
- LMS/PHS Assistant Principal – Samantha Schertenleib
- Vice PEA President / Teacher – Rex Thornton
- PEA Representative – None
- PEA Representative – None
- PPA Representative – Jacqui Tate
- Elementary Parent Representative – Deena Bayoumi
- Lincoln Middle School Parent Representative – Natalie Dobbins
- Pullman High School Parent Representative – Beth Hatter
- “At-Large” Parent Representative – Erica England

Absences:

- Pullman High School Principal - Juston Pollestad

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

INTRODUCTION – Joe Thornton and Bob Maxwell presented to the committee the background information on the “why” behind the calendar committee and what the work of this year’s committee will include.



ACADEMIC CALENDARS
 2022-23 (late start only)
 2023-24
 2024-25
 2025-26

PULLMAN SCHOOL

DISTRICT CALENDAR

COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Calendar Committee| Pullman School District

ADMINISTRATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Maxwell, <i>Superintendent</i> • Joe Thornton, <i>Executive Director of Operations</i> • Kelly Laird, <i>Elementary Associate Administrator</i> • Samantha Schertenleib, <i>LMS/PHS Assistant Principal</i> • Juston Pollestad, <i>PHS Principal</i> <p><i>Courtney Hodge, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, will be facilitating and taking notes for committee.</i></p>
TEACHER PARA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rex Thornton, <i>Teacher / Vice PEA President</i> • TBD, <i>PEA Representative</i> • TBD, <i>PEA Representative</i> • Jacqueline Tate, <i>PPA Representative</i>
PARENT/ GUARDIAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deena Bayoumi, <i>Elementary Representative</i> • Natalie Dobbins, <i>Lincoln Middle School Representative</i> • Beth Hatter, <i>Pullman High School Representative</i> • Erica England, <i>"At-Large" Representative</i>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION



Pullman School District Board Policy

2220 Instruction | School Calendar

The Pullman School District Board of Directors, in order to permit staff, students and parents to make plans for their own work and vacation schedules, shall maintain biennial school calendars. The calendar for the second year of the biennium will be submitted and approved by the board on or before June 1 of each year. The start date for each school year shall be the last Wednesday in August.



Month	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	NOTES
August 2021	16	17	18	19	20	August 18 & 19: Professional Development Days (Teachers Only) August 23 & 24: Professional Development Days (Teachers & Non-Professional Staff) August 25: First Day of School - August 30: First Day for Kindergarten & Preschool Students
September 2021	6	7	8	9	10	September 6: No School - Labor Day September 22: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12)
October 2021	4	5	6	7	8	October 8: Professional Development Day (Teachers Only) October 20: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12) October 27: Conference Day: Preschool & K-5 (No School, K-5) October 28 & 29: Conference Day: Preschool & K-5 (No School, K-5)
November 2021	1	2	3	4	5	November 11: No School - Veterans Day November 17: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12) November 22 - November 26: No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 2021	6	7	8	9	10	December 20 - December 31: No School - Winter Break
January 2022	3	4	5	6	7	January 18: Professional Development Day (Teachers Only) January 17: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 24: PSD 2nd Semester Starts
February 2022	1	2	3	4	5	February 9: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12) February 18: Professional Development Day (Teachers Only) February 21: No School - President's Day
March 2022	1	2	3	4	5	March 18: Conference Day: Preschool & K-5 (Early Dismissal, K-5) March 19 & 20: Conference Day: Preschool & K-5 (No School, K-5) March 23: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12)
April 2022	4	5	6	7	8	April 8 - April 9: No School - Spring Break April 20: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12)
May 2022	2	3	4	5	6	May 12: Last Day of PSD Preschool May 18: Teacher - Principal Collaboration Day (Early Dismissal, K-12) May 30: No School - Memorial Day
June 2022	6	7	8	9	10	June 8: School High School Graduation June 10: Last Day of School June 13 & 14: Snow Make Up Days

CURRENT ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEE PAPER COPY

2021-22

CALENDAR PARAMETERS

01

START DATE

Last Wednesday in August

02

HOLIDAYS

- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- New Year's
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day

03

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

- (3) in 2019-20
- (4) in 2020-21
- (3) in 2021-22

04

CONFERENCE WEEKS

- Fall - Grades K-8
- Spring - Grades K-5

05

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCY CLOSURES MAKE UP DAYS

180
SCHOOL DAYS

05



CALENDAR VARIABLES

01

PLACEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

02

LENGTH OF THANKSGIVING AND WINTER BREAKS

03

MID-WINTER AND SPRING BREAK

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WORK OF COMMITTEE



- Review late start for 2022-2023 school year
- Create calendar drafts for the 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 school years.



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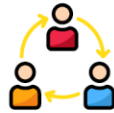
COMMITTEE PROCESS

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01

- Review late start (2022-23)
- Develop calendar options



02

Share calendar options and community discussion summary with employees and families. Review feedback and make adjustments as needed.



03

Association employees will vote on preferred calendar(s).



04

Calendar(s) with the most votes go to school board for consideration

Calendar(s) for subsequent years will be determined by May 1.

THANK YOU



Next Meetings

Thursday, February 24 & Thursday, March 24
6:00pm-7:30pm
District Office - Community Room

Please contact us if you have any questions!

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Superintendent Maxwell provided background on the proposed change to the 2022-2023 academic calendar to remove ½ day collaboration days and redistribute that time as late start Mondays (*the late start would be no more than 60 minutes*). This is in response to the district's initiatives as they relate to Professional Learning Communities.

The committee broke into small groups to discuss the pros and cons of potential late-start Mondays. The district will follow up with the committee on the questions they had around late start Mondays.

DISCUSSION (i.e. pros/cons, questions, concerns):

- Would after school care be easier to arrange for childcare?
- What time do daycares open in the morning?
- Would YMCA be an option in the morning?
- For students that rely on school breakfast – what would the impact be on them?
- Parent voice – Is there a way to gather feedback from families on their preference?
 - Committee representatives are available to gather feedback. There will also be a link on our website for families to provide feedback.
- How would an early release on Monday affect sports/clubs/activities?
 - There would be an impact on student transportation – getting students back to school for after school clubs/sports/activities.
- Para trainings typically occur during collaboration days. How would late start Mondays affect para trainings?
- Late starts would benefit student learning and staff and would create continuity.
- Monday is better than Friday.
- How would late start Mondays impact zero period?
- Monday mornings could be challenging for working families – midweek may be a better option to consider.
- Teacher fatigue in afternoon sessions if changed to an early release instead of a late start.

There was consensus to move away from ½ day collaborations to a schedule that is more consistent on a weekly basis.

In addition, the committee was presented with a Draft A and Draft B for the academic calendars for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years. Draft A included a 5-day Thanksgiving Break and is similar to the 2021-2022 academic calendar. Draft B had a 2.5-day Thanksgiving Break with the last day of the school year being a ½ day Wednesday in June which then makes the next Thursday/Friday make up snow days. Spring break was listed as the first full week of April on both drafts.

The next meeting will be February 24 and the representatives will continue their discussions on the calendar drafts. Input can be provided to committee representatives.