

Calendar Task Force Meeting Minutes

Southfield Building (Virtual)

4000 S IH 35 Frontage Road Austin, Texas 78704

December 10, 2020

Charge of the AISD Calendar Task Force: “The AISD Calendar Task Force is charged with developing and recommending an instructionally sound calendar or calendars for the school year or school years designated by the Superintendent that focus squarely on the district’s academic mission and Strategic Plan. The Task Force shall place the needs of all students first and foremost, but shall also consider the needs of parents, the community and district staff.”

The 2021-2023 Calendar Task Force Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Dr. Gloria L. Williams who welcomed everyone. Members were asked to add their name in the chat for attendance purpose. The first agenda item focused on updated amendments that needed to be discussed and voted on for the 2021-2022 calendar only.

Dr. Williams reviewed Calendars A and B and explained that the team originally voted on Calendar A and D. (Calendar D became Calendar B.) The Calendar information was presented to the Superintendent and the Executive Team on Monday, December 7, 2020 and the calendar drafts were approved for votes.

Dr. Jacob Reach shared with members that during the December 8, 2020 meeting with Mike Morath, Commissioner of Education, noted that AISD would need to make up 1,125 minutes due to the virtual learning schedule for the week of November 30-December 4, 2020. AISD would be required to add at least one extra day to the 2021-2022 calendar.

The addition of one day changed both Calendar A from 176 to 177 and Calendar B from 175 to 176. Calendar A would have one less staff development day in August and a student instructional day was added on December 20, 2021. The last day for students on Calendar B was moved from May 26 to May 27, 2022. It was noted that the 2022-2023 Calendars would remain the same as presented to the Superintendent.

Dr. Cinda Christian requested feedback from the Taskforce about a new format for reading and understanding the calendar. It was recommended that the calendars be presented for vote in its regular format.

Dr. Williams asked for a vote to change the 2021-2022 Calendars A & B by adding the additional day. The vote was 23 yes and one abstention.

Dr. Williams thanked the Taskforce members for their commitment and wished them a happy holiday season. The next meeting is to be after Winter Break.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Gia Jones.