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APS STUDENT CALENDAR PROCESS COMMITTEE

February 1, 2024

Alonzo A. Crim Center for Learning and Leadership

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Purpose

Create and develop the next block of 3 (three) APS Student Calendars for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years (SY) for the APS Board of Education to review and approve

Goals

- Finalize our APS Student Calendar Options

Roadmap

- Welcome and Introductions of Committee Members
- Connection Activity
- Meeting Norms
- Meeting #1, #2, #3 Recap
- Provide Feedback and Final our APS Student Calendar Options

Takeaways

Finalize the APS Student Calendar Options

APS Student Calendar Invited Committee Members

Core Team Members:

- Carolyn Barnett - Strategy + Engagement
- Dr. Alpachino Hogue - Strategy + Engagement
- Erin Kruger - Performance
- Dr. Dione Simon - Performance
- Dr. Jermain Sumler-Faison - Academics
- Chalanda Tucker - Performance
- Thomas M. Munn - Academics
- Yolanda Weems - Academics

Deputy Superintendent (Schools, Equity):

- Paul Brown - Schools
- Dr. Patricia Ford - South Atlanta HS
- Dr. Timothy Gadson - Deputy Superintendent
- Ronald Garlington - Young MS
- Shelly Goodrum - Schools
- Dr. Kala Goodwine - Schools
- Dr. Zawadowski Robinson - Hank Aaron Academy
- Joseph Salley - Kimberly ES
- Sedric Smith - Schools
- Dr. Isaac Sparks - Schools
- Matthew Underwood - Schools
- Tommy Usher - Schools
- David White - Burgess-Peterson Academy
- Dr. Tasharah Wilson - Atlanta College + Career Academy
- Dr. Margul Retha Woolfolk - Schools

Academics:

- Dr. Margaret McKenzie - Multilingual Programs + Services
- Chelsea Montgomery - Student Services

Chief of Staff:

- Shonda Liddell - Ombudsman

Communications:

- Will Powell - Communications

Human Resources:

- Jennifer Lang - Total Rewards + Workforce Management
- Nicole Lawson - Chief Human Resources Officer
- Felecia Lester - Talent Management, Leadership
- Dr. Isis Manboard - Employee Relations
- Jeff Thomas - Risk Management
- Rose Jones - Risk Management

Operations:

- Robert Palmer - Facilities Services

Performance:

- Michael Hnesher - Testing + Assessment
- Stephanie Sanders - Innovation, Improvement + Redesign

Go Team:

- Alicia DeCriscio - Jackson Cluster
- Marsha Leverette - Washington Cluster
- Kristy Perez - Midtown Cluster
- Patia Odom - Therrell Cluster
- Jessica Pope - South Atlanta Cluster
- Keely Sutton - Carver Cluster
- Lizzy Wickland - North Atlanta Cluster
- Tinia Wismer - North Atlanta Cluster

District Teacher of the Year Finalists

- Taylor Richardson- Elementary
- Anitra Medlock - Middle
- Kimberly Jenkins - High

Community Members:

- Kara Stimpson - Big Brother Big Sister
- Michael Lamont - Boys and Girls Club
- Delicia Lucky - Emory Reads
- Toya Russell - Girls of Excellence
- Kacey Venning - HEY! Help Empower Youth
- Jim Walsh - Elevate Atlanta

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APS Student Calendar Committee Norms

Norms

Equity of Voice

Active Listening

Safety To Share Different Perspectives

Confidentiality

Commit to Each Other

Meeting #1, #2, #3 Recap

Data Review

- Past and Current APS Calendars (SY 16-17 to SY 24-25)
- Survey Data (6,067 responses)
- Other Considerations + Emerging Data

Calendar Options

- First Day August 1
- First Day Second Week of August

Group Work

- Three groups developed and created DRAFT calendar options

APS Student Calendar Parameters

- 180 Total Instructional Days for the School Year
- Semester 1 end before December Break
 - Same number of days per semester, as close as possible
- Semester 2 begin January and end before Memorial Day
 - Same number of days per semester, as close as possible
- Student Breaks throughout the Year
- Professional Learning Options for Staff
 - Including pre and post planning
- Last Day of Instruction in May

Calendar Feedback Protocol

- **(5 minutes)** One group will be in the 'Fishbowl' presenting their calendar to the larger group. The other three groups will be observers.
- After presenting the calendar, the presenting group will take a seat and become listeners.
- **(5 minutes)** The observers will discuss among themselves their reactions to the calendar. Observers may make comments about what they like about the calendar, or they may raise any concerns they have. There may even be additional points of clarification the observers need. The previously presenting group should NOT respond instead, remain in listening mode and take note of the comments.
- **(5 minutes)** The presenting group can then respond to all that they have heard. A discussion will likely spark.

Proposed Next Steps

Core Team

- Will review these calendar options to ensure everything has been taken into consideration
- Present to Senior Cabinet for final approval (February 13, 2024)
- Create and release the final APS Calendar Survey (February 19, 2024 - March 15, 2024)
- Present to APS BOE on Monday, May 6, 2024 for first read
- Final APS BOE approval on Monday, June 3, 2024

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