

School Improvement Team-Meeting Minutes
New Town Elementary School
January 12, 2015

Persons present:

Gail Zimmerman-Special Area Representative
Justine Rossi-EC Representative
Bridget Tebou-Kindergarten Representative
Cheryl Bowman-First Grade Representative
Amy Erb- Second Grade Representative
Kelly Johnson-Third Grade Representative
Jennifer Grieco-Fourth Grade Representative

Jennifer Palin-TA Representatives
Connie Costain-5th Grade Representative
Catherine Perry-Principal
Randal Watts- Assistant Principal
Jacquie Johnson-Parent Representative
Cheryl Petroff- Parent Representative
Kathleen Valentini- PTA Representative

- I. Call to order at 2:32 p.m.
- II. 2016-2017 School Calendar
 - A. Kim Warr, Principal of Cuthbertson HS, presented a proposal from Dr. Ellis to consider a change in the UCPS calendar starting and ending dates. If all schools approve the idea to change the calendar to start and end two weeks earlier then this would be in effect for the 2016/2017 school year. The reason it is being considered is for all students that currently attend high school to have the semester end prior to the Winter Break. It would eliminate the need for two workdays in January.
 - B. The team voted, 9-0, in favor to change the calendar.
- III. NTES- Specific Required Workdays for 2015-2016
 - . The team discussed which UCPS workdays would be Required Workdays for New Town employees in the 2015-2016 school year. Various days were discussed including August 18, 19, September 23, November 25, December 21, January 19, and February 15.
 - A. August 18th and 19th were the most widely selected dates and will be Required NTES workdays in 2015-2016.
- IV. School Budget
 - . Mrs. Perry asked for feedback regarding items needed for the school. Suggestions made included: books for the bookroom (lower level), rectangle tables in the lunch room, guidance suite needs updated materials i.e. books & bean bags, school murals, and Interventionist.
 - A. Representatives are to take this item back to team for more suggestions and let Mrs. Perry know.
- V. Principal's Update
 - A. At the recent Principal's meeting, principals listened to a presentation from the Union County Homeless Shelter. Each year there is a fundraiser called "Souper Bowl" Day of Caring which provides funds to the county homeless shelter. Dr. Ellis informed all principals that all schools will be participating this school year. More information will be forthcoming.
- VI. School Report Cards
 - A. In February, North Carolina will release School Report Card grades (A through F). This grade is calculated utilizing EOG assessment scores as well as student growth (80% proficiency and 20% growth). Mrs. Perry reviewed EOG test data from the previous school year, breaking down both the school's percentages of students who were deemed Grade-Level Proficient, as well as College-Career Ready.

B. Mrs. Perry discussed that while she does not know for certain, she anticipates a letter grade of a B for this past school year based on her calculations of growth and EOG scores.

VII. Approve Last Month's Minutes

A. Motion to approve the 11/17/14 minutes by Connie Costain, 2nd by Kelly Johnson; all approved

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Costain, 5th Grade Representative