

SCC Notes for May 2, 2024

Attendees:

Frances Battle, Lamar Spotted Elk, Crystal Rudds, Rielly Butler, Hope Jenkinson, Julia Waldroup, Camala Richard, Willow Amendola-Francis, Kelli Neuteboom

Agenda:

Updates from Chair:

- Meeting with Superintendent included the Bathroom Bill and plan in place for this, DEI and the wording changes needed to follow the law, School Safety Guardians- HS has resource officers, MS and ELEM will have an armed person in the school who is hired to fulfill the new law.
- Time changes took most of the meeting. Supposedly emails were sent out to parents discussing this, but many people did not receive them. One of the things brought up was that schools can change times, but they must cover any costs accrued due to an odd start/end time.
- Many SCC Chairs are feeling frustrated by the lack of communication by the district.

Principal Updates:

- Start times should be 8:00 a.m. or 8:45 a.m. Our SIC voted to propose an 8:30 start time. Mrs. Battle cannot support this based on the “no” she received from an administrator’s meeting. Therefore, SIC is going to parity over this.
- Calendar is due May 10th and will be sent with the petition for a different start/end time. If it is accepted, then parity is not necessary.
- District is requiring passing time built into the schedule for MS and that will make our hours per week longer.
- DLI/Staffing- We will have at least 6 new DLI classes, ELD will work with newcomers and do intervention next year. There will be a .5 interventionist for middle grades next year as well.
- Middle school will move to a 6-8 model with 4 teachers.
- 24-25 Compact needs to be completed by May 24th. Will be sent out for approval ASAP.
- We will not have as many non-Friday short days next year as we did this year.
- Lots of end of year activities coming up-check the calendar.

SLEA Update:

- Ms. Richard shared the previous study from the district with SLEA, Highland Park sent out a 2-question survey to their parents regarding start/end times. Also, in the petition, issues like safety, and bus drop-off problems will be included.

Parent Comments:

- Too many near missed are happening with cars and students at drop-off/pick-up times. Another school with this issue called the city for help, Fran is going to do that. We also could request another crossing guard.
- Parking lot is not functional for the number of busses we will have next year. Transportation should come and observe how to make it safer.
- All the parents should call the district about the drop-off/pick-up situation.
- Bullying is currently one of the SLCSD's biggest concerns. What are the actions the district is actually taking beyond the Dignity Index bookmark?

Counselor Update:

- The Dignity Index meeting was 3 hours for Admin, Counselors, and Social Workers. Everyone should have been given the information at the same time to make the message consistent. There will be training for teachers during the before school training in August.

PTO Update:

- Family night BBQ on May 23rd and Field Day on May 24th.