

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: September 24, 2012

AGENDA ITEM No. 12-09-(2)-14

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Efland-Cheeks Elementary Refocus Timeline

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Proposed Timeline and Topics for Consideration to Convert to a Year-Round Calendar

PURPOSE: To provide the Board of Education an update on the implementation of the Covey Model, "The Leader in Me" at Efland Cheeks and to propose a timeline to explore the potential for a conversion to a year round schedule.

BACKGROUND: At their June 11, 2012 meeting, the Board of Education heard a presentation from the principal at Efland-Cheeks Elementary on her vision to have the school implement a leadership model at her school based upon a Covey book entitled "The Leader in Me". The Board of Education approved her request to continue with the implementation at that time. Since that meeting, the following action steps have occurred:

- In late June, the principal selected six of her students to attend a Leadership Institute held at Peace University. This event was sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.
- The entire staff has received twenty hours of signature training from presenters from the Covey Leadership Center.
- During the week of September 17th, five staff will be trained to become certified "Seven Habits of Highly Successful People" trainers. This training will enable these five individuals to train staff themselves.
- As part of the training, each staff member has received a personal copy of the Seven Habits guide, and an online subscription to the Covey leadership website.
- In January of 2013, a Covey trainer will return to the school to provide an implementation training day. From that point, staff will fully engage students in the leadership model.

The principal also discussed exploring the potential for a conversion to a year round schedule. Attached is a proposed timeline and topics for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The amount of \$42,000.00 has been set aside in local funding to help pay for the implementation of the leadership model during the 2012/2013 school year.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive for information the progress of the implementation of the leadership model at Efland-Cheeks and provide direction and approval to staff in their request to pursue converting to a year round calendar schedule for the 2013/2014 school year.

Efland-Cheeks Elementary School

Proposed Timeline and Topics for Consideration to Convert to a Year-Round Calendar

1. Conduct staff and parent information sessions during October and November of 2012.
2. Conduct online/paper/pen surveys.
3. Develop and distribute to parents/staff "frequently asked questions" information sheets.
4. Develop a staff survey, October, 2012.
5. Conduct a vote of parents in December 2012.

Considerations:

1. Does the Board of Education (BOE) want to establish guidelines for the outcomes of the voting to determine interest, i.e. a 70/30 vote or 80/20 vote?
2. Capacity at Efland-Cheeks Elementary School may need to be discussed, particularly if students at Hillsborough Elementary who are districted to Efland-Cheeks Elementary opt to return to Efland-Cheeks Elementary if the calendar conversion is approved.
3. Will transportation services be affected?
4. Intersessions will need to be discussed as it relates to robust academic intersession offerings.
5. Will it be districted school or school of choice?