

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Attendees<sup>[P]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> School Board**

John Gesiskie, Chairperson, Norm Burger for Matt Walters, Melanie Zipp Diane Serfass, Alt  
Susan Kresge, Alt

**Attendees-Administration**

Dr. Howard Dr. Ayers Mr. Boylan

**Attendees-Community (10 out of 15)**

Antionette Gravel-P Kristen Rudelitch-P  
Jeremy Livingston-CH Alison Fennell-CH Lindsey Miller-CH Amanda Pagano-CH  
MariClaire Hosking-E Timothy Hatcher-E Jennifer Rufo-R Sandra Perry-R

**Absent-Community**

Frank Safioti-P Marsha Overpeck-R  
Nicole Serrano-CH Taisha Garcia -CH Jolene Pioli-P

**Topic – Flexible Instruction Days (FID)- 6:30-**

Dr. Howard gave an overview of FID days and how they are applied at the various building levels. She also explained how FID days are obtained. Every 5 years PVSD must apply to PDE to use FID days by building. Once approved, those days can be utilized by the Superintendent during the calendar year for snow days and/or emergency needs. Per PDE it is not mandatory that all days approved must be used each year.

Using FID days is thought to be a better solutions for parents and students alike per PDE.

When using the FID days for snow days, PVE does it different than the other buildings because you can't expect grades K-2 to be able to sit in front of a computer and be logged in for a whole day of instruction.

PVI-grades 3-5 can login and complete their assignments through-out the day.

MS and HS-the day is treated as if the students are physically in the building. This helps to prepare the students for college level work as a lot of college courses are online today. These days do however, create issues for the students enrolled at MCTI.

A lengthy discussion was had about how the MCTI students do not benefit from this type of day because you can't teach their programs online ex: Welding, Auto Tech, Culinary. Using all 5 FID days can be detrimental to those students as certain programs require a certain number of hours to complete their program each year. Ex: Cosmetology needs so many hours of instruction to obtain their state license.

A discussion was had on the number of days that students are actually in attendance. The students only receive 173 days of instruction currently without FID day or snow day use. The remaining days up to the required 180 days or hours of instruction per grade levels, are tied to the Teachers collective bargaining

agreement. The teachers are required to work a total of 184 days per year, some of those days are used for ACT 80 training requirements, some for classroom set up in the beginning/end of the school year.

It was agreed upon with the members, that classroom instruction is best for PV students to help increase test scores and any dual enrollment courses. Most testing is completed by April. When the students are using a FID day it may not be a whole day of instruction so their test scores can go down as a result. We as a team all own the test scores, parents, teachers, and administration.

A discussion was had about adding snow days to the calendar each year as it has been done in the past. This would allow for not adding days to the end of the year but utilize other holidays instead such as: Presidents day. If snow days were added, events could happen the way they are scheduled in the calendar and parents could plan their personal activities around the last day of school published.

A question was raised as to how do we hold teachers accountable for teaching on the FID days? It was suggested that lesson plans should be available if a teacher calls out sick or uses a personal day on a FID day. Perhaps the principals could pop in on a class lesson online on these days. Lessons should be timely, and office hours should be more frequent during the FID day. Collection of data to show how many teachers actually held office hours to assist the students in their tasks for the day. Committee members feel that not all MS and HS teachers are in attendance on a FID day. This is troublesome to the parents on the committee.

Next we talked about how many FID days should be used per year. A poll of the committee showed that 8 out of 10 wanted to use zero (0) FID days. In cases of emergencies, such as threats everyone agreed to use a FID day for the safety of our students. After further discussion it was brought up about safety of our students during inclement weather. If weather is bad for a period of 3-4 days there would likely be power outages and downed internet so lessons could not be held online. These should be tradition snow days and not FID.

The committee would like data to show if FID days are working or not.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 7, 2026      6:30 - 7:30PM

Next Topic: Cell Phone Use during class hours