

PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
Perry Schools Discussion Notes
April 13, 2017
PTEC Room 210, 4:10PM:-5:00PM (Approximate Time)

ATTENDANCE

Administration: Mike Bagley (PTEC), Vickie Carpenter (PTEC), David Henriott (RPE), Brian Knight (SHS), Dave Rohl (GV), and Whitney Wilkowski (ALE)

PEA: Neil Linville (PMHS), Kyle Hanefeld (GV), Matt Henninger (PMHS), Dan Oblon (WVE), Rebecca Rissel (GV), and Diane Turpen (PMHS)

Special Area Classes

At the last PEA Discussion meeting, Dan Oblon and Rebecca Rissel explained a special area teacher's perspective concerning "push in" and classroom time designated for special area classes. Since this meeting, Kyle Hanefeld, along Amanda Colbert (MB) and Mark Madden (AL), met with Mrs. Carpenter to discuss these issues and to lay a foundation for such discussions with building principals.

At this point, principals are creating schedules for next year and want as much input as possible from teachers. Decisions concerning the amount of time spent in specials is determined by building principals. Currently, the amount of time spent in special area classes (40-50 minutes) varies due to student numbers in the buildings.

Dan Oblon stated his appreciation for the collaboration that has occurred since the last discussion meeting. He also advised that special area teachers meet with principals and brainstorm for creative solutions with teachers. For example, how are breaks handled with respect to special areas? Many Mondays are missed due to holidays. A special area teacher may lose an entire unit of study by missing six Mondays. The way specials times are scheduled around breaks can change the amount of available student contact time.

Times for Teacher Day for the 2017-18 School Year

In general, the teacher day is the same amount of time (the high school day is 5 minutes shorter than this year); it has just shifted to accommodate the new busing schedule. Tier 2 on the schedule will change the most. Due to community feedback concerning flipping the Tier 1 and Tier 3 schedules, the Board of Education made a commitment to the community to closely observe and monitor feedback for these schedules. Input and research about of functionality of these two schedules will need to be provided by teachers and administration next year so that decisions concerning schedules for the 2018-2019 school year can be made in December 2017 or January 2018. It will be difficult to determine the impact of the new schedules on test score on this time frame since test scores are delayed.

Tier 1- SHS & PMHS

- Student Day- 7:15 a.m.-2:05 p.m. (M, T, TH, F)
- Student Day - 7:15 a.m.-1:40 p.m. (W) Early Release Day
- Teacher Day- 7:05 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (M-F)

Tier 2- PMMS, SMS, PA, SA, GV, AL, RPE, RPKA

- Student Day- 8:10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (M, T, & TH, F)
- Student Day - 8:10 a.m.-2:35 p.m. (W) Early Release Day
- Teacher Day- 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. (M-F)

Tier 3- WV, HE/HEKA, MB, CY, JGE/JGKA, SES, HB, DM/DMKA

- Student Day- 9:05 a.m.-3:55 p.m. (M, T & TH, F)
- Student Day - 9:05 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (W) Early Release Day
- Teacher Day- 8:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (M-F)

Cluster Times will be determined by building principals

Opening of Kindergarten Academies and Transition of Teachers

Teachers moving to the Kindergarten Academies have been notified of their placement and officially transferred by the Board of Education. The new staffs of the Kindergarten Academies are meeting once per month to establish school culture. At this point if teachers wish to move to one of the Kindergarten Academies, they will need to apply officially; it is no longer an internal transfer.

Kindergarten Academy teachers will attend the district-wide opening meeting on July 25 and then have the rest of the day to prepare classrooms. On July 26 9AM-1PM, they will host family open houses in their buildings. Bus drivers, cafeteria staffs, and nurses will also be there. Students and their families will have a "passport" stamped as they move through different stations: meet teacher, have photo taken, meet cafeteria staff, and sign off on medical information. Teachers and families will attend an ice cream social at the end of the event.

During the week of August 14, each Kindergarten Academies will hold an open house.

August 14 - Homecroft Kindergarten Academy

August 15 - Jeremiah Gray Kindergarten Academy

August 16 - Rosa Parks Kindergarten Academy

August 17 - Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy

Additionally, Perry Stadium will have its first home game on Friday, August 18th. This will be a big week to showcase the projects that have been done.

2018-2019 Academic Calendar

The calendar committee will meet soon to determine and publish a tentative schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. The committee was waiting for the outcome of Senate Bill 88: "Prohibits public schools and accredited nonpublic schools from beginning student instructional days for the school year before the last Monday in August, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year." It appears that this bill will not pass and/or that no changes will be made as to when we begin school.

EL and SPED Teachers

With the opening of the Kindergarten Academies, EL staff will be shifting three staff members, who have all discussed the move with their principals and Jane Pollard. Two SPED staff members, who discussed the changes with Ann Schmidt and their principals, will be also be moving. Two new SLP positions have been added for the Kindergarten Academies.

Phone Systems

Winchester Village and Kindergarten Academies will be getting new phone systems. The software for all other buildings will be changed over the summer as the system is twelve years old. Due to the upcoming upgrade, all staff will need to record a new message before the end of school year. Matt Willey will remotely guide staff through what will need to be done and when. All staff who currently have phones will get new phones over the next 2 years.

PD Express

Dave Bagwell, Jane Pollard, and Matt Willey will open up the sign up for Summer PD through PD Express in two weeks. Session topic selections include Technology, High Ability, and Celebrating Diversity.

Master's Degree Stipends

Teachers who are seeking a Masters Degree with the intent of being paid a stipend need to **verify with the building principal that the Masters is approved for the stipend.** The principal will confer with Human Resources department and the coursework will be officially approved. Masters programs that qualify for the stipend include coursework for AP, early college, and EL.

Currently 7 employees have earned degrees for a stipend and 15 are in progress.

Jane Pollard is working with a representative at IU/PUI for Perry Township Schools to receive a grant that would cover 24 credit hours toward a Masters in EL. The teacher would just need to cover the cost of 14 hours to earn the Masters.

Standards of Success

With the start of the 2017-18 school year, support staff and administrators will be evaluated using the web-based tool titled Standards of Success, which allows employees and evaluators to import and house supporting documents and comments. Training for those using Standards of Success will be provided in July.

HB 1003

Currently the General Assembly is discussing proposals that offer different paths for graduation. As written, this plan would look to expand the use of waivers.

Nex meeting (and last meeting of the school year) will be held on May 11 at 4:10PM in PTEC 210.