

Glen Ullin School Board January Meeting Q & A Document

5.D. School Calendar

- Is consent approval for option A since this was staff preference? **Yes, the majority of staff chose Calendar A. We had 7 responses. Five chose Calendar A.**
- Are late starts planned for the first Wednesday of the month again in 25/26? **Yes, Late starts on the first Wednesday of the month are still planned and have been added to the calendar.**
- Fall parent/teacher conferences were held in October this year, near the end of first quarter. Did this not work out well as the proposed calendars for next year both have fall conferences 3 weeks before the end of the quarter? **I changed our parent teacher conferences to corresponding dates from this year's calendar.**
- Similarly, what is the reason for moving the spring parent/teacher conferences from March this year to February next year? **I changed our parent teacher conferences to corresponding dates from this year's calendar.**
- Both proposed calendars have 174 days of school scheduled. The 24/25 school year had 175 days. **I ask that we table the calendar until February so Brandt and I can ensure the calendar meets the requirements of the negotiated agreement. We'll send out a revised calendar and have it ready for the board packet for the February meeting.**
 - What is the reason for planning one fewer day of school?
 - Is this consistent with the teachers' contract?
- I understand that a Columbus Day holiday is unusual in North Dakota given the educator's conference, but purely out of curiosity, what is the justification for this seeming discrepancy with Century Code? 15.1-06-02 1.j requires that schools may not be in session on "Any day declared to be a public holiday by the President of the United States or the governor". Columbus Day is a federal holiday. **Per Brandt, I have always taken that to mean a special case, not necessarily President's Day, for example would be another one. Columbus Day and President's Day, while Holidays, I know most schools don't take those days off. Certainly could, but then would have to find two other days to have school.**

5.E. NDSB policy hosting – please send the email regarding the NDSBA policy hosting. The packet had an email regarding the food service fund transfer instead. **Yes, my apologies. See attached**

7.B. Principal's report

- Bi-monthly staff meetings are beginning this year. How often were staff meetings prior to this? **We previously held staff meetings once per month.**

- Can we get a brief report on the outcome of the December 4 late start? What common behaviors and areas were determined? What were the outcomes of the discussion? What expectations were developed? The staff narrowed down expected behaviors in the hallway, playground, bus, bathrooms, and classrooms. All expectations are centered around be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. Generally speaking for all areas, expectations are keeping hands to oneself, using kind words, and keeping track of personal belongings.
- What are the takeaways of action can be taken to improve teacher and board relationships? Mr. Dietchman, Mr. Dick, and I will talk to teachers during the month of January to get ideas on improving relations with the board.
- Summer school report? What did it reflect? And how is that related to more money for the district? What is the breakdown? The Summer School Report asked for the number of students that participated and the minutes of participation. I don't have a dollar amount to our district, but I have left a message at DPI to find out. I will find out the answer to this shortly.
- Appreciate the update on MTSS. I felt the report during the November meeting was very informative. Thank you to Mr. Hetler and teachers! Do we plan to have an update this spring? I would like to have the teachers come back and present or at least have a write up on the consent agenda. The MTSS Team will definitely give an update in the Spring. We will be having two more trainings in Jamestown January 28 and March 6.
- I would like to read through the guardrails/progress measures prior to the meeting if possible. With the complaints regarding the length of the meetings, I feel there isn't enough time to read everything and ask questions. Is this possible? I will get to you the monitoring calendar ahead of time so you can take a look at it.
- I also love the ideas for positive reinforcement for students as well. One thing that they mentioned during the MTSS report was having mentors/buddies in which they paired younger kids with older mentors? Is there any follow up to that? We currently are offering a student aide class for senior high students. Right now, we have 7 senior high students participating in that class. They are going into the preschool and kindergarten classes. Also, our counselor and two senior high students are setting up a mentorship program at our school. Senior high students will be assigned to elementary students to mentor them.
- Could we consider doing a teacher spotlight in the newsletter? I hear from community members often that they don't know the teachers anymore. That may help. Or maybe each teacher could send home a bio to parents? I could definitely add a teacher spotlight to our newsletter.
- Can Mr. Hetler provide the data for students needing intervention (scores from testing) and where we are compared to the national average? We just started NWEA MAP testing with all students. This will go into next week. I will have data on our intervention students by the February board meeting.
- How are we reminding parents about NWEA testing? NWEA Testing is posted on the calendar on the school website.

7.D. Facility Manager's report

- Computers for e-sports have been moved from Hebron to Glen Ullin. Where are practices held? Is a coach present on-site for practices? From Mr. Schaff, The season starts next week. He stopped in yesterday and we visited for a while. Practices will be held at both schools. The coach will be there with all the students. When I send over my transportation schedule, I will have that on there. I assume most of them will be in Glen Ullin because our coach can drive the kids from Hebron over. There isn't going to be a ton of practices. Probably one a week plus their matches on Thursday. Next Thursday the coach is going to be in Glen Ullin to supervise the kids during their matches and I will be in Hebron with our kids. They each have to be on their own computer so for matches we have to be at both schools.
- Any news on HA Thompson contract? The description in the contract is a little hard to understand. They do preventive maintenance 3 times a year and cover moving parts on the heater. No additional action has been taken.
- Did the electric bus make it to Bismarck for repairs? No, I have not gotten the bus to Bismarck yet for the window.
- With new staff in the building and extra support, are we able to dedicate time for Preston to obtain his CDL? Yes, I will go back to preparing for the CDL again. I'm going to speak with DeeAnn about her new role as the lead janitor here so she will observe and assist, when needed, the other janitors.
- Will the 2nd new hire (janitor) be doing dual role or only janitor duties? The second hire is able to perform dual roles when needed. We have discussed someone being at the school during games. He does have a CDL class B which allows him to drive the buses. Nothing else has been explored at this point.

7.E. Will there be a monthly time tracker for this month? One was not provided to me. I believe Jill is working with Sue on this item.

Additional Questions/Comments:

- Can we get an update on the SRO? The SRO has been working out well. He is here everyday either in the morning or afternoon. He spoke to our students last week. He has a desk and a chair set up. There was also a email blast sent out on 1.2.25 about the SRO to the parents.
- The Christmas program was awesome, thank you!