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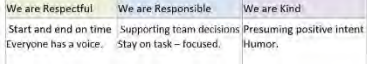
Attendance:

Community members: Janice Stewart, Dan Inman

North Mason School District Staff: Courtney Thomas, Christine Mart

Facilitator: Laura Pugh

See our previous meeting minutes/notes here: <https://www.nmsd.wednet.edu/Content2/1426>

Agenda Item	Notes	Documents or Action Items
<p>Norms and Purpose Review 6:00 PM</p>	<p></p> <p>Explore the potential benefits or barriers that a more balanced year-round calendar would have on our students, staff, and community. Draft a proposal on our findings to the school board by June 2023.</p>	
<p>March 2023 Survey and Focus Group results 6:05 PM</p>	<p>Themes in responses: Still significant confusion about how a Balanced Calendar is <i>not</i> year round school. Small sample size, despite repeated and multiple efforts to get feedback.</p>	<p>March 23 Survey results.pptx</p> <p>North Mason Balanced Calendar Survey March 23 No Emails.xlsx</p> <p>Balanced Calendar Focus Groups 7Mar23.docx</p> <p>Suggestion to have in-person information available for secondary conferences this week.</p>
<p>Union Gap Site Visit “Intersessions” 6:15 PM</p>	<p>Telia, Christine, Ashley, Courtney & Morgan</p> <p>Overall, positive atmosphere. Everyone choosing to be there, wanted to be there. (40% of students attended in intersessions.) Success driven by community involvement and using the Balanced Calendar grant for the budget. Intentionally made the learning environment feel different than regular school (ex: decorations and snacks.) Kids having fun!</p>	

	<p>Teachers flexible and had freedom to teach what they wanted. It was a K-8 district, so transportation was different than having a K-12 district. They had more interest for younger students and had to cap some classes. Enough staff wanted to volunteer, there was even a sub list. Theme-based, project-based learning. Families didn't want traditional breaks touched, so they kept Winter and Spring breaks off. May left alone because of testing.</p> <p>Summer school still offered for remediation. Barriers around food funding. Very separate from intersessions, which were enrichment and open to all <i>but</i> focused on a standard. Did three this year, would cut the third one for next year because attendance not as strong after Spring break. Advanced notice really helpful!</p> <p>Custodians providing transportation because of contract agreements. Logistics: admin, nurses, enough teachers volunteering to teach. OK to teach out of grade level. Great hosts! Kids seemed to love it. Teachers also compensated for planning. Attendance and academics being evaluated this summer. Food insecure families always invited to be safe and fed. No behavior issues during intersessions, with only a few kids leaving program. All intersessions funded with Balanced Calendar grant. Union Gap needs a plan for sustainable funding.</p>	
<p>In-person community forum planning</p> <p>6:40 PM</p>	<p>Those present determined that 5/16 would be better than 5/9.</p>	<p>Laura Pugh will secure a location (District Board room or Hawkins library)</p>
<p>Balanced Calendar Board Report update</p>	<p>Need volunteers to write: Background information Learning from Book Study Learning from Summit Learning from Intersession visits Learning from ThoughtExchange, Surveys and Forum</p>	<p>NMSD Balanced Calendar Report.docx</p>
<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>5/16 Location TBD In-person forum 5PM</p>		