

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Administration Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Present: Jonathan Vanderhoof, Harry Dailey, Carol LeBlanc, Jennifer Bernet and Superintendent Lane

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment to report.

Chair let the committee know about a request from WLC staff to speak in regard to the middle school reorganization proposal. A question from the staff was raised, is it the school board or the committee they should speak to and when. Consensus of the Committee was for the concerned staff to speak to the board at the appropriate time.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

IV. DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING TOPICS

a. Calendar

The group went over the WLCTA response in regard to changes in the calendar should be negotiated. Recap of the history of how decisions were made to go from days to hours and the changes over time. Noted that there was no written agreements when making changes or adaptations to the contract after changes were made.

The chair reviewed feedback from Dr. Heon regarding options for creating additional time for teacher collaboration. She stated that having additional early release days would be effective.

Committee agreed that since there have been multiple negotiations since changes were made and that the WLCTA made no attempt to make those changes, the contract language of up to 180 days and 7 hours of 20 minutes could be enforced.

Ms. Bernet left at 7:45pm.

The committee discussed increasing the days of school from 174 to 178 with each of the additional days being early release days. Superintendent indicated original concerns raised by staff that early release days were not quality days of education and that there were teachers who did not get their prep time had been alleviated with changes in the early release schedules. The committee discussed the reason to go to 178 versus 180 was that the four days gave a professional development day for each month except, December which met Dr. Heon's recommendation. The committee did not want the WLCTA to see this as punitive.

Committee agreed that whatever proposal went forward it should include information about the increase in the number of days creating an additional cost to pay para-educators. The question was raised as to

the activities for para-educators on early release days. In addition, the Superintendent commented that a concern raised by the WLCTA was that by changing the number of school days the understood per diem rate would change. The Superintendent recommended maintaining the per diem rate calculated at 174 days for the last year of the CBA. The consensus was to allow for that.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey, SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to recommend a calendar of 178 days with four additional early release days added to the schedule.

Discussion included a concern that the schedule recommended needed to be seen by the committee prior to recommending. Discussion was had with the focus of the conversation around starting dates.

Mr. Dailey WITHDREW his motion and Ms. LeBlanc her second.

By consensus, the committee tasked the Superintendent to produce draft calendar with options for consideration at the next meeting. Include additional cost along with the calendar.

b. Food Service Discussion

started at 8:12pm.

The committee recognized that this is an ongoing issue that cannot resolve itself with a specific recommendation from the committee.

A discussion was had in regard to collecting unpaid balances and included questions as to what is done to collect overdue balances.

Discussion of differences in the programs at FRES vs. WLC on quality and cost of meals was had. Question, are we losing money on meals at FRES even though percentage of participation is higher, if so why?

Discussion about equipment, are we using what we have and what do we need that we don't have. Questioning as to whether or not large equipment should be dealt with the CIP.

Discussion was had regarding using a consultant to evaluate the program.

Superintendent tasked to:

- Investigate the possibility of finding a consultant and determine cost for possible presentation to the school board as a recommendation.
- Investigate the differences in WLC vs. FRES food program including cost vs. income.
- Provide to the committee the procedures for recouping unpaid balances for food service.

V. DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS

See above.

VI. SET MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be November 7, 2018, 7pm at WLC.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Ms. LeBlanc, SECONDED by Mr. Dailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm.

Voting 3-0, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler for Bryan Lane