

PROCESS TO DEVELOP 2014-2015 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The following message was sent to past members of the calendar committee on September 27:

This is a follow-up to your past participation on the calendar committee (or an indication that you would like to in the future) and to see whether you would like to again serve in this role. The first meeting will be scheduled during the week October 21-25.

Please reply and confirm (1) whether you would like to participate this year, and (2) your availability during that week.

A message was run 3 times in Daily Digest in September which read:

The initial meeting of the Academic Calendar Committee will be scheduled in early October. Both parents and staff are welcome to participate. If you would like to be included in the formation of the 2014-2015 academic calendars - Traditional and Modified - please email Jim Loomis at jloomis@acps.k12.va.us

An announcement was also made at the TAC committee meeting in September which asked for volunteers.

The following responded with an interest in serving on calendar committee:

- Dawson, Jennifer - Mt Vernon teacher
- Routhouska, Danielle - Teacher & Parent - William Ramsay
- Davidson, Erin - Teacher - James Polk
- Jones, Elizabeth - Parent – Macarthur
- Merbeth, Alice - Teacher & Parent – Macarthur
- Casamo, Melissa - Macarthur teacher
- Ford, Cassandra - Teacher & Parent - TC Williams
- Downs, Mary - Teacher – GW
- Whelan, Sarah - Curriculum - Central Office
- Bernstein, Delaina - Communications - Central Office
- Wilson, Charlayne - Tech Services - Central Office
- Cooke, Beth - Human Resources - Central Office
- Loomis, Jim - Human Resources - Central Office
- North, Kevin – Human Resources – Central Office

Three committee meetings have been held – Oct 23, Nov 14 and Dec 4.

To obtain broader community input, the following message was sent out through the Daily Digest and has appeared 3 times in December:

REMINDER: COMMENT ON PROPOSED 2014-15 CALENDARS BEFORE DEC. 9

The draft 2014-15 academic calendars are posted on the ACPS website. All are encouraged to comment. Both the Traditional and Modified calendars feature 183 student days. Please provide comments prior to Monday, Dec. 9, so that feedback may be considered when the Alexandria City School Board receives the proposed calendars for information at the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Dec. 19. Approval is scheduled to occur at the meeting on Jan. 9, 2014.

The draft calendars were presented and discussed with School Board HR Committee on December 11, 2013.