

Olympia School District Balanced Calendar Steering Committee Meeting #1

**August 18, 2022 3-4 pm
Meeting Summary**

Attending:

Patrick Murphy, Superintendent
Sandy Hallstrom, Parent
Pastora Hernandez, High School Parent
Frank Wilson, Executive Director of Operations
Christine Zhang, Student Representative on Olympia School Board
J.Marie Riche, Ideal Communications
Frank Kwan, Ideal Communications
Candace Wilson, Ideal Communications

Not attending: Karen Zarate, Assistant Principal, Reeves Middle School

Welcome and Introductions

Brief overview of previous work (Superintendent Murphy) as well as a description of community opinion about a balanced calendar.

Brief outline of proposed Balanced Calendar Exploratory Committee (BCEC) work and makeup (J.Marie Riche). She also described the purpose of the committee:

- To review previous work by the Board Citizens Advisory Committee
- To brainstorm questions and concerns
- To define what a more balanced calendar might look like
- To possibly field a Thought Exchange
- To suggest a worthy goal to work toward and next steps

After discussion, the following meeting schedule for the BCEC was established:

Wednesday, September 21, 6-7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 5, 6-7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 19, 6-7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 2, 6-7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 16, 6-7:30 pm

Meetings will be hybrid, with 2 facilitators: one in person and one via Zoom to help with Zoom participants. Breakout sessions and homework are likely. Refreshments will be served.

The invitation will be revised to include the meeting schedule, and Superintendent Murphy will remind principals to submit names. Superintendent Murphy will also ask for volunteers from the community in his Welcome Back letter. Superintendent Murphy will seek a teacher member for the Steering Committee.

Next meeting of the Steering Committee to select the committee: Thursday, September 8, 4 – 5:30 pm