



**Citizens' Advisory Committee
December 3, 2018
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
TCEC, Conference Room 3**

In attendance:

Maggie Gowe (SMMHS)
Kerry Gunshenan (SMES)
Sarah Mosslih (EMS)
Sherye Nickerson (Dobson)
Katie White (WMES)
Helga Einhorn (TCPS)

2019-2020 Calendar Proposed Revisions – Dr. Einhorn shared with the committee proposals to amend the 2019-2020 school calendar. This would include adding a full day professional development day like the one piloted in the 2018-2019 calendar and moving parent conference day from November to October as a half day. It would also include shifting teacher work days from the end of the year to the start of the year. Teachers have indicated they would prefer to have more work days before students start rather than at the end of the year. CAC members endorsed the proposed changes.

Star Rating Report Cards- On December 4, MSDE will be releasing individual school report cards with star ratings and percentile ranks. Dr. Einhorn provided an overview of how these ratings are being calculated.

Policy 9.38 Instructional Process & Policy 9.33 Graduation Exercises – These policies will be going to a district committee for review. Since we changed our grading from percentages to letters, we need to update these as a result. There was discussion of the retest component of 9.38. CAC recommended below 79% for retesting eligibility with provision of reteaching. CAC recommended amending 9.33 to have committee select graduation speakers. Dr. Einhorn will share this with the grading committee.

School Updates:

EMS- Student Government under the direction of Ms. Miesse, is implementing a single stream school wide recycling program.

SMES- The school has implemented morning meetings. This time incorporates class community building, mindfulness.

SMMHS- Communication has improved significantly. Parents get numerous updates through a variety of means to keep them informed.

Dobson- Over 400 people attended Grandfriends Day. Visitors shared something from the past that students may not be familiar with such as a rotary phone.

Ms. Nickerson shared with the group information regarding # I Can Help program which trains students in deleting/removing negative online posts to combat online bullying. She will seek further information and report back to the group.

Next meeting is scheduled for **March 7, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. at TCEC.