

Executive Board Report – for April 4, 2016

Executive Meeting

None held due to Spring Break. Various emails.

Media

None.

Policy and Governance Committee

None held due to Spring Break

Calendar Committee

Submitted by Sarah Foote

The calendar update for 2016/2017 and the 2017/2018 calendar will be recommended to the board exactly as they were posted for the last 30 days. There were no changes.

Non-Instructional Days for 2017/2018 have been tentatively set as follows:

Tues, Sept 5 in service

Wed, Sept 6 90 minute block

Fri, Sept 29 curriculum in service with Ministry of Education

Fri, Oct 20 provincial NID

Fri, Nov 24 NID

Mon, Jan 29 or Fri, Feb 2 - Semester Turnaround (depends on when Ministry of Education sets final exams)

Fri, April 20 - NID / spring fling conference

Mon, June 4 NID

Thurs, June 28 last day of school

Fri, June 29 administrative day

Feedback from other partner groups included:

A) From Elementary School Principals: looking at changing the timing of the two week winter break to be last week of December and first week of January (allow teachers more rest after holidays)

B) From Secondary School Principals: need to have at least 3 weeks after winter break to prepare properly for final exams

C) Trustee Warrington worried about moving forward with approving the calendar 2 years in advance because they might miss changes to dates that would be beneficial to different partner groups. She said this in response to the Elementary School Principal feedback.

D) Other groups shared strong support for approving the calendar two years in advance and it was noted that feedback from parents has been positive since this practice started.

E) DPAC (Me) noted that Monday NIDs may be harder than Friday NIDs for families arranging care because many families have parents working Monday to Thursday.

F) DPAC (Me) mentioned that consistency and planning ahead was important to parents so if changes to winter break timing should be done with lots of advance notice and awareness to parents.

Please let me know if you have any questions.