

Meeting 6/5/2014 at 3:30 PM in the conference room at AVS

In attendance: Alan Villeneuve, Eileen McDonald, Michelle Plaza, Jen Hodgdon, Nell Keif, Angela Cote, Michel ORourke

Absent: Beth Repoza and Anita Gildea

The committee started by discussing what is an hourly calendar and how created. The committee developed a pro/con list of an hourly calendar and how it pertains to AVS.

Pros:

benefit of professional development

flexibility

add those 20 minutes onto one class in a block schedule model rather than 4 minutes onto each class

knowing when the end of the year last day of school

Con:

is it actually increasing good/quality instruction

scheduling state test into an hourly calendar may pose a challenge

Committee went on to discuss professional development as half days might be easier for parents.

Perhaps the school could offer some type of care on sight for families

Change name of teacher workshop to professional development training

Instructional time is better in the early part of year (example January) than at the end of the year.

Students are checked out by June 20th mentally.

Committee discussed the holidays and which ones we could not celebrate and include in instructional days. Committee feels Martin Luther and President Day should be school days.

*note as a survey question (April vacation listed but reserve last three days as make up days)

Alan noted that within the creation of the hour calendar we should be well above the state mandatory hours. We are focused on providing best for our students.

Charge for next meeting: survey questions. When do we want to distribute. We want to make sure the survey reaches as many community members as possible

- preschool

- businesses

- library

- link on website

- on sign out front

Next meeting August 12, 2014 3:30