



## DISTRICT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2007

ZOTZ Education Center, Room 7003B – 3:45 p.m.

# MINUTES

The District Planning and Advisory Committee (DPAC) met on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Elizabeth Lalor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

First item of discussion was the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar. Ms. Lalor presented the three different calendars (draft) that the committee had developed at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The three different calendars were outlined and the committee had to decide on one calendar. Please see below:

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| • August 11-15, 2008   | New Teacher Inservice          |
| • August 18-20, 2008   | Staff Development              |
| • August 21-23, 2008   | Teacher Workdays               |
| • August 25, 2008      | First Day of Instruction       |
| • September 1, 2008    | Labor Day                      |
| • November 14, 2008    | District Staff Development     |
| • November 24-28, 2008 | Thanksgiving Break (5 days)    |
| • December 19, 2008    | Early Dismissal, ½ day         |
| • January 5, 2009      | Teacher Workday                |
| • January 6, 2009      | Students Return                |
| • January 19, 2009     | Martin Luther King             |
| • March 16-20, 2009    | Spring Break                   |
| • April 10, 2009       | Good Friday                    |
| • April 13, 2009       | Easter Monday                  |
| • April 25, 2009       | Teacher Workday                |
| • May 25, 2009         | Memorial Day                   |
| • June 4, 2009         | Last day of instruction, ½ day |
| • June 5, 2009         | Last teacher Workday           |

### NUMBER OF DAYS

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|-------------|------------------------|
| • August    | 5 student, 11 teacher  |
| • September | 21 student, 21 teacher |
| • October   | 23 student, 23 teacher |
| • November  | 14 student, 15 teacher |

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• December	15 student, 15 teacher
• January	18 student, 19 teacher
• February	20 student, 20 teacher
• March	17 student, 17 teacher
• April	20 student, 21 teacher
• May	20 student, 20 teacher
• June	4 student, 5 teacher

**TOTAL: 177 student, 187 teacher**

Eighteen members out of twenty-three present voted for the proposed calendar as discussed and five members opposed. Ms. Lalor reminded the committee that the calendar was going to be presented to Cabinet the following day, Wednesday, November 14 by Dr. Williams. If Cabinet approves, then the calendar will go before the school board.

Second item on the agenda was the Application for Expedited and State Waiver required by TEA. The waivers are for the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 school years and if approved by the state will allow GPISD to have:

- two staff development days to train district staff on strategies to improve student performance;
- one staff development day to allow staff participation at an eligible conference;
- four early release days to provide additional time to meet the needs of students; and
- a modified schedule of classes on TAKS testing days to reduce interruptions during testing periods.

Dr. Williams asked for a vote to submit the proposed waiver to the state. All the committee members present (23) were in favor; no one opposed.

Elizabeth Lalor presented the Dating Violence target that needs to be part of the SECONDARY campus goals and the district/superintendent goals and the District Improvement Plan. All the committee members present (23) were in favor; no one opposed. All secondary campuses need to add this target to their CIP. Janie will submit the target to SEDL and will contact Chris Gause to make the change on the GPISD website.

Ms. Lalor asked the committee if they would like to postpone the College and Career Planning Program presentation until a future meeting. Joe Long motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:18.

Next DPAC Meeting is scheduled for **December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in the Administration Building Board Room at 3:45 p.m.**