

Lake Eola Charter School
School Advisory Council
Draft Minutes of Special Meeting: March 21, 2011

Present: Ronnie DeNoia, Carol Dierksen, Carrin Hahn, John Mays, Greg Mellowe, Sharon Morell

Greg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum in attendance. The sole item on the agenda was identified as the review and adoption of a final 2011-12 school calendar.

To that end, the SAC took up the pending interim motion made by Carol and seconded by John to adopt the 2011-12 calendar as originally proposed by the teachers (see attached). During the course of the discussion on the motion, the following “friendly” amendments to the motion were offered by consensus of the group and accepted by the sponsors:

1. **Eliminate noon dismissal on Friday, 11/18/11** (immediately prior to the week of Thanksgiving).
2. **Request collection of data to assess the potential need to modify the time slot for report card conferences on Friday, 11/04/11. List time slot as TBA temporarily, and take final action at April regular meeting.**

Explanation:

The teachers had recommended a new time slot (7:30 am – 3:30 pm) for report card conferences, a change from the current time slot (10:00 am – 6:00 pm). Concerns were raised by several members, however, that such a change might make participation difficult for a greater number of parents. However, in consideration of the teachers' expressed preference, and the fact that the SAC had no data whatsoever about the impact of any adjustment of the time slot on parent access, the consensus of the members was to ask Carrin and Ronnie to survey parents to assess which time slot (7:30 – 3:30, 10:00 – 6:00 or 8:30-4:30) would maximize participation. The results were to be compiled and reported at the April meeting, at which time the SAC would select a time slot and amend the calendar accordingly.

3. **Switch student/teacher holiday scheduled for Friday, 5/4/12, to Friday, 4/27/12. Switch student portfolio review from Thursday, 5/3/12, to Thursday, 4/26/12**, with the resulting additional caveat that, in the event of an extremely large volume of FCAT make-up testing on 4/26, portfolio review might need to be postponed.

Explanation:

The teachers had transmitted a memo explaining their rationale for proposing a week with only 2.5 days of classes and expressing their sense of urgency that two student/teacher holidays be scheduled prior to the final pre-summer push, despite the fact that they would be scheduled for the same week. With the administration clarifying that it was the *position* of the proposed holidays rather than the *number* of holidays that was of concern, Ronnie proposed a change that met both sets of expectations.

4. **Clarify that there will be noon dismissal on Wednesday, 6/6/12** (the last day of the school year).

After considerable discussion, the amended motion passed unanimously. With all scheduled business completed, the meeting then adjourned at 6:55 p.m., upon unopposed motion from Sharon to that effect.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Mellowe (for Carrin Hahn)

**LAKE EOLA CHARTER SCHOOL
CALENDAR 2011-2012**

ORIGINAL TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION – NOT OFFICIAL

Tues./Fri.	August 16-19	Pre Planning
Friday	August 19	Meet and Greet (3:30-5:30)
Tuesday	August 23	Students Return
Monday	September 5	Labor Day – No School
Thursday	September 15	Back to School Night (5:30-7:30)
Wednesday	September 28	Progress Reports Go Home
Monday	October 3	Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	October 28	End of the 1st Trimester (48) Noon Dismissal for Professional Development
Monday	October 31	Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday
Friday	November 4	Report Card Conferences (7:30-3:30)
Friday./Friday	November 18-25	Noon Dismissal 11/18-Thanksgiving Break
Tuesday	December 13	Progress Reports Go Home
Fri./Mon.	Dec. 16-Jan. 2	Noon Dismissal-Winter Break (inclusive)
Monday	January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. –No School
Thursday	February 16	End of 2nd Trimester (60) Noon Dismissal for Professional Development
Friday	February 17	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Monday	February 20	Teacher/Student Holiday
Friday	February 24	Report Cards Home
Friday	March 23	Noon Dismissal Spring Break
Fri.-Sun.	March 26-March 30	Spring Break
Friday	April 20	Progress Reports Go Home
Monday	April 30	Student/Teacher Holiday
Thursday	May 3	Noon Dismissal Portfolio Review Day (1-5)
Friday	May 4	Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday	May 28	Memorial Day
Wednesday	June 6	Last Day
Thurs./Fri.	June 8-9	Post Planning