

2014-15 Calendar Committee

November 26, 2013

In Attendance: Stan Kreft, Nadine Gfroerer, Susan Pevonak, Analisa Ficklin, Jeff Vaughn, Bob Kuehl, Rob McElroy, Tanya Rowe

1. Representatives from the Bellingham Education Association and school district leaders met to review the purpose of the calendar committee, which is outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. The committee reviewed the parameters of their work and described the process used for the last two years in developing the school calendar.
3. The committee began to discuss the pros and cons of a pre-Labor Day start and the unique challenges this year regarding recent legislation requiring 1080 hours for secondary students and the impacts on our calendar.
4. The committee will gather additional input at the Labor Management meeting on December 5, 2013 from staff and labor leaders regarding the needs for time beyond the instructional day for individual planning, professional development, professional learning communities, and family engagement.