

Belmont School Committee Policy & Procedure Subcommittee Minutes
February 6, 2017
School Administration Building Conference Room

In attendance: Susan Burgess-Cox, School Committee Secretary
Mary Pederson, Human Resources Director
Andrea Prestwich
Elyse Shuster

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Topic of discussion for this meeting is changes to the school calendar related to the date that school starts in the Fall.

It was clear from the staff survey as well as family survey that there is no clear preference for starting before or after the Labor Day.


Discussion centered on 2 options: 1) a policy that did not include any dates, but that includes language that would require that the start date would be set for 3 years at a time and publicized on the school web site. Since School Committee must vote on calendar each year, we would always include three years of start dates so that families could plan their summer accordingly. 2) a policy that is based on the date of Labor Day. Discussed including language similar to Weston and other districts that base their start date on whether Labor Day falls before or after September 5.

Policy subcommittee feels that the entire School Committee should discuss these two options and vote on one of them.

Susan will write up potential changes to the policy to bring before the School Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____


Ms. ~~Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary~~
Elyse Shuster