

## Support Staff Council Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2016

The Support Council met on March 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Office conference room. Council members present were: Tammy Baker, Tammy Taylor, Jennifer Maynard, Michelle Hollingsworth, Ed Eary, Bill Patterson, Don Richardson, Tammy Starbuck, Tammy Osborne, and Richard Harden.

### Welcome:

Mr. Harden welcomed all Support Council members and called the meeting to order. Opening comments included:

- State Budget – At the time of the meeting, the State Budget had not been finalized.
- The staffing allocations given to each Principal include a 2% reduction for 2016-2017. It is hoped that many of the reductions may be accomplished by normal attrition, including retirements and resignations.

### Communications:

The communication section centered on the following:

- **Calendar** – Hopefully we are now past the snow (weather season). Calendar revisions for the current school year should be finalized at the April 25 Board meeting. Also, the calendar bill before the State Legislature has not been finalized, but it is unlikely to have any affect on our school system’s calendar for 2016-2017.
- **Bus Drivers** – Jessamine County has had difficulty in securing an adequate number of school bus drivers. This issue is widespread throughout Kentucky. Possible reasons may include an improving economy as well as the responsibilities and difficulties involved in bus driving. The Bus Driver Salary Schedule was adjusted this year to help alleviate this issue, but the problem persists.
- **Conflicting school events** – Recently, there has been a lack of parking available for the JELV when the school sponsors family events. The lack of parking is exacerbated when JELV, WAR, JCTC, and CO may be hosting events at the same time. The School System has a district-wide calendar available on its main web page. School administrators at all locations are strongly encouraged to use this tool when scheduling events.
- **Road conditions** – Bus drivers are concerned about the parking spaces on Maple Street adjacent to the court house. There have been several fender benders in this area due to lack of passing space on that portion of Maple Street. Patty Teater, Nicholasville’s City Commissioner in charge of streets and roads, will be asked to address this issue at the next Support Council meeting.
- **Answering radio** in the morning and afternoons – Bus drivers expressed concern that some of schools do not seem to be monitoring their radios when busses are transporting students to and from school. Mr. Gallutia was informed of this concern. Please note that school radios are not monitored before 7:30 AM.
- **Bus Sign** at JELV – Bus sign currently says buses only 8:00 to 9:00 should be changed to 7:00 to 8:00. Changes to the signage at the JELV site have been scheduled for the summer maintenance schedule.

### Other:

If there are questions or issues that need to be discussed at the next Support Council meeting, please email those to Richard Harden in advance at: [richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us](mailto:richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us)

The next meeting of the Support Council will be **Thursday, April 28 at 9:00 AM.**