

## **FGCS Board of Directors**

Special Meeting

January 20, 2017

### Board Members Present

Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, Chair

Bob Hatt, Treasurer

Robbie Pock, member

Steve Molin, member

Rochelle Auran, member

Roger Neyman, member

### Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal

Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### Voting Item:

Proposal to restore instructional time lost due to snow days. Vanessa, in collaboration with staff and in compliance with the law that requires K-8 students to receive 900 instructional hours/year, made the following proposal to replace the equivalent of 5 of 9 days lost to weather closures:

- Extend the school year by 3 days, ending the year on Wednesday, June 14 (full day with 3:05/3:20 release times). This end date is consistent with the District's revised calendar.
- Change Friday, April 14 from a grading day to a regular school day (1:05 p.m. Friday release time).
- Change Thursday, April 20 (one of the two days allocated for spring student conferences) to a regular school day. Spring conferences will take place the evening of Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21. Friday, April 21 will remain a no-school day for students.

Jon moved to adopt the proposal. Roger seconded the motion.

Discussion: Robbie asked whether the District was more restoring more hours total than FGCS even though we are restoring more days, and the answer is yes. FGCS will meet state-required instructional hours. Vanessa clarified that our last day will be the same

last day as the District. Bob asked whether it would be possible to hire substitutes to provide additional time for teachers to prepare for conferences. Vanessa will talk to teachers to see whether there's a need or interest. Vanessa stated that the plan has limited fiscal impact.

The board voted unanimously to approve the proposal.