

Today, the Pawhuska Action Team met to discuss a potential school closure. We can't thank our thought leaders, committee members, and all participants for their professional contributions to some very deep conversations and consensus building.

The following items were addressed:

1. Review and discussion of how a school closure would affect testing and possible solutions to complete mandated tests in the required timeline.
2. Review and discussion of compliance with state and federal programs and services to students.
3. Review and discussion of paid and/or working personnel, by job description.
4. Review, discussion, and next steps involved with community resources needed to support students and families in the community as a result of a school closure.
5. Strategies to share information about resources.
6. Coordination with the Osage Nation and actions currently underway to address needs.
7. Review and discussion of the School Board Special Meeting Agenda scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018, which addresses
 - a. Action to pre-authorize the Superintendent to close school for a yet, undetermined amount of days if a teacher walkout should occur.
 - b. Student athletic and other activities participation during a school closure.
 - c. The action team's planning efforts concerning a possible school closure.
 - d. Designated working personnel during a school closure.

Tomorrow, the group will meet with Board of Education members present, Vice - President Danny Ferguson and Board Clerk, Patricia Counts. The meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Elementary Library.

A big thank you to the volunteer members of this group who include:

Indian Camp

Blayne Shuping and Hannah Thomas

Elementary

Cathy Gardner and Jon Marie Wilson

High school

Mark Frye and Shelly Hurd

Support staff

Jenny Pewewardy

Community members

Addie Roanhorse, Penny Gann, and Jean Ann Simmons

Board President: Michael Tolson and Board Clerk Patricia Counts

Building principals: Ms. Lauri Lee, Mrs. Kimberly Hester, Mr. Byron Cowan

Superintendent: Dr. Janet Neufeld

Board members will rotate attendance:

Michael Tolson

Danny Ferguson

Patricia Counts

Justin Sellers

Tom Boone