## Citizens Action Committee
### Queen Anne’s County Public Schools
#### Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
**Place:** Board Room  
**In attendance:** Betsy Andrews, Helen Bennett, Kimberly Clough, Roxanne Dean, Matthew Kibler, Lucy Marks, MH Maynard, Katie McGrath, Rudy Morsell, Dane Schriver, Denise Smith, Jack Smith, Marcia Sprankle, Rich Weinfeld

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- The agenda was reviewed. |
| **Calendar** |  
- A presentation was shared that provided the parameters that are followed to develop the QACPS district calendar. It was noted that the state testing calendar has an influence on the calendar.  
- A calendar was presented, based on the FY24 calendar, for FY25.  
- Suggestions were made for changes with a discussion on the pros and cons of each. Some considerations included:  
  - Moving spring break before Easter  
  - Shorter spring break with or without a long weekend in March  
  - Starting students after Labor Day  
- Two additional versions of the calendar will be developed based on suggestions that were made by the group.  
- Three calendars, based on the SSIC and CAC groups comments, will be developed and presented at the next meeting where refinements will be made before they are sent to staff/families and then presented to the Board.  
- Questions were raised concerning the possible use of virtual instruction |
| **Gender Gap Study** |  
- A presentation was shared providing the background of this topic.  
- Ways to decrease this gap are being sought.  
- Participants shared their thoughts on data reflections, reactions to recommendations to the REL M-A Report, and potential considerations.  
- This information will be shared with the C&I team for review and further consideration. |
| **Policy Review** |  
- This year, this group will play a larger role in the policy review process. |
| **Items for Next/Future Meetings** |  
- Review/refine three SY25 calendar options (Nov.)  
- Budget for SY25 |
January - Gender Gap follow-up

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 29th