

9/7/17

School Community Council (SCC) and Parents, Families and Faculty of Washington (PFFOW) Meeting

Attendance

Faculty and Staff: Krista Dugmore, Tiya Karaus, John Kelly, Laurie Shea, Jason Finch
School Board: Katherine Kennedy

Parents: Ben Alplanalp, Sarah Schulz, Amber Pedersen, Sarah Pedro, Kristin Pedersen,
Heather Fairall, Aaron Garrett, Meghann Larson, Ashley Anderson

Not Present: Heidi Nakaishi

School Community Council (SCC)

1) Vote for Chair (Aaron Garrett) and Secretary (Ashley Anderson)

2) Call for elections to be held in April

3) Determined the preferable number of parents on the council as 8-10 plus 5 teachers and administrators.

4) What is the job of the SCC (AG)

- Allocating Trust Lands money received annual and making a plan to spend it on the school's greatest academic need. Our current plan pays for two kindergarten paraprofessionals and two academic interventionists.
- We will also need to do the Access Routing plan
- There are annual reports by the principal and SCC chair
- The SCC also discusses how we can support the school (i.e. staffing concerns last year).

5) What are the current needs of the school (AG)

- Recess Duty coverage; hired indoors and waiting for outdoors application
- Last year went through 40 paraprofessionals and new partnerships are resolving this so far.
- Staffing funds have been reduced and Trust Lands funds have slightly increased which is a part of changing demographics (many students from the Road Home have transitional housing which is great! Mike Harman reports 25 McKinney-Vento students are being served by Washington).

6) Other Business

- Our Schools Now: our SCC chair is collecting signatures for a ballot initiative to fund public schools through taxation. Interested members can sign. Our school board rep (Katherine Kennedy) mentions how no more than half of this money can go toward salary increases and the potential legislative messages. Ben Alplanalp mentioned the consulting he did for the initiative as part of work and the way flexibility for schools to choose is something many individuals were interested in.
- Lead Water testing: Katherine Kennedy and John Kelly addressed the concern with high lead levels in some Utah schools and said that Washington has undergone tests and there should be formal results soon but it is highly unlikely that this impacts Washington.

Parents, Families, and Faculty of Washington (PFFOW)

- 1) Introduction: Sarah Kelly (president) describes the new parent-teacher organization. It requires no dues or formal members and is open to all families at the school.
- 2) The motto for the Fall is See the Good and in Spring will become Be the Good
- 3) PFFOW aims to increase School Spirit and support the culture of the school

4) IN box (I Noticed Box)

- Sarah Kelly has made containers for all classes to receive positive messages about seeing good behavior and kindness. This will be tied to classroom incentives, like popcorn parties, and more.
- Project needs a cart cover (**Sarah Schulz can you sew one?**)
- All are welcome to leave messages in any classroom IN-boxes

5) Jog-A-Thon (October 6th)

- Sarah Kelly and Jason Finch have made a letter for corporate sponsors. Anyone wishing to send to a business may e-mail business names to Sarah (**imfunny79@gmail.com**) and pick-up in the office in the coming week.
- Jason described that the letter includes all of the great programs Washington has (Tanner Dance, Ballet West, BTS, Playworks, and more) and Sarah describes how the objective is to boost the idea of a neighborhood school in the community.
- The letter details different amounts sponsoring the needs of classrooms (i.e. field trip costs)

6) Arts Programs

- Some rollover funds will go to supplies for Laurie Shea
- Ashley Anderson is working on an application to display student work at the Marmalade Library and sell postcards of prior art as a spring fundraiser
- Donors Choose for a Mosaic Project and an outdoor spring art night

7) School Garden

- Ashley Anderson has created a small garden space behind the school with support from many community members.
- Volunteers are needed to help 1st and 3rd grade and interested members can e-mail **ashley.michelle.anderson@gmail.com**
- There are some challenges with erosion on the hill (reported to Katherine Kennedy and supported by facilities at the district)
- Students have a fun project to scatter wildflower seeds for the hill.

8) Miscellaneous Business

- Have some lingering PTA funds and a walk-a-thon in American Fork (\$800)
- PFFOW is being formally incorporated as a non-profit by Aaron Garrett
- We will need SEP provided dinners (Katherine recommends a catering company, Em's may do it again, Sarah also suggests a potential pasta bar)
- Katherine suggests more collaboration with West High (we've reached out to their science teachers for garden and will also reach out to other departments including National Honor Society).