

McNeil Canyon Elementary
Site Council Meeting
06 Feb 18

Members Present: Pete Swanson, Matt Hakala, Eric Engebretsen, Lenore Swanson, Laura Sheldon and Anne Love.

Members Absent: Mark Marette and Sean Rhodes.

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 pm.

Pete asked about Discipline policies that were e-mailed to the membership.

Eric asked when was the last time any District policies have been revised. Pete responded that about 6 years ago they updated sexual harassment. Also, they used to be separated into elementary and secondary but were combined into one list with different consequences that can be chosen. Pete stated that sometimes legislation changes and we have to change our policies to reflect that. Unless there is a community initiative to change something, discipline policies aren't changed very often. Eric asked if there was much variation between districts. Pete said no. Basically Districts are following the law so that is how our policies are set up.

Pete asked if any member had been contacted by the public with concerns. No one present had been.

Pete wants to cover enrollment and staffing for next year. The District is holding budget meetings this month. The one in Homer is on Feb. 20th at 5:30 pm in the HHS Library. The District is using the same staffing ratios for next year as this year. Our staffing should be pretty similar to what we had this year. Pete reminded them that we gave up half a teacher this year. The District has said that this is a starting point but they anticipate cuts.

Melon is retiring at the end of this school year. Laura is retiring at the end of February. Joy Overson has been hired as Laura's replacement. By end of February or the beginning of March, Pete hopes to fly Melon's job.

Site News:

- Early Release tomorrow
- P/T conferences Thursday and Friday
- Spring Break in March
- Testing. The testing window is two weeks this year instead of four. It went fairly well last year. We have to have 95 % participation.
- Talent Show and Snow Fiesta on February 23rd
- Love of Reading is happening now

- March Madness band concert March 6th
- Swimming lessons for grades K-3 after Spring Break.

Pete stated that the District anticipates the budget level to be similar to this year. The Governor is asking that the legislature hold the education budget harmless. Paul Seaton has introduced a separate bill to fund education but the Senate is against it.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cheney, Secretary