

McNeil Canyon Elementary
Site Council Meeting
06 Feb 18

Members Present: Pete Swanson, Matt Hakala, Eric Engebretsen, Lenore Swanson, Joy Overson and Anne Love.

Members Absent: Mark Marette and Sean Rhodes.

Others Present: Sean Dusek.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45pm

No public comment

Sean Dusek- Annual Report:

Helpful information about the budget, slight changes with the bureau and legislation. A 2-year funding plan for schools has been passed by the legislature. Now is the time for your voice to be heard at the May 1st-Borough Assembly meeting in regards to funding for schools. Please see attached Fiscal Information in regards to the possible options that are being discussed. Mr. Dusek is still pushing for full funding of schools. He encourages us to thank the mayor and assembly at the May 1st meeting for helping with funding and share with them how the school is helping your child. You might let them know you are willing to pay more through taxes to fund schools if that is the case. School board is looking to make PTR adjustments at the high school level by using more work experience programs in the community. Benefits are also being looked at to see if any financial adjustments can be made.

710 accounts:

Pete reviewed why we look at these accounts with site members. The 710 Activity Reports were given to members to review. Co-curricular and academic stipends for after-school groups were also reviewed. No questions from members regarding these accounts.

Staffing:

3 positions are currently open for the 2018-19 school year. Joanna, 6th grade teacher- is leaving and not guaranteed position, Melon Purcell, 3rd grade teacher- retiring, and Timothy, 5th grade teacher-is resigning.

Pete has been doing several interviews and has a recommendation in for 2/3 primary teacher. He is hoping to hire someone who has experience in multi grade levels. Pete is hoping to set up interviews for the other two here soon. He is anticipating 6 classroom teachers total along with Amy, Lenore, Brandon, and other support staff on board.

Lenore shared how all of their children had combined classes here at McNeil and that it was more common practice here at McNeil in the past.

Anne and Lenore shared that with the personalized learning this helps alleviate any pressures a teacher might have having a combined class and they see this as an advantage while working with kids on different spectrums.

The budget for McNeil is pretty status quo at this point but any type of budget cuts could inevitably effect McNeil down the road.

Lenore mentioned that we do see effects as far as outside teacher training which has turned into more opportunities for teachers to collaborate with each other.

Site News:

4 weeks of school left on the calendar.

- Early Release May 2nd
- Spring Musical May 10th
- Beach Day May 18th
- Step-up Day/6th Grade Grad.

This is the last meeting for the 2017-18 school year

Site Council positions up for re-election: (elections will be held at the Spring Concert on May 10th)

2 Parent Members

1 Support Staff Member

1 Teacher Member

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Overson, Secretary