

McNeil Canyon Elementary
Site Council Meeting
13 Sept 16

Members Present: Pete Swanson, Matt Hakala, Eric Engebretsen, Sean Rhodes, Melon Purcell, Kendall Dellasperanza and Laura Sheldon.

Members Absent: Mark Marette.

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm.

Pete explained how the Migrant program works at McNeil and how it has worked in different schools. Those present viewed a PowerPoint about Title 1 and also one about Title 1C.

Pete handed out copies of the School Improvement Plan to those present. Pete explained that the District is pushing for blended learning. In blended learning, the child controls the pace and place taken. We recognize that we use a lot of software, management tools, discovery ed access, assessment. However, we realized students don't have a lot of control over pace or place. Pete explained what Canvas is and how it works. Sean commented that at HMS teachers have assignments on Canvas. The District wants us to have some kind of measurement included in our School Improvement Plan. We will be working on this as a staff.

District is looking at and putting a new strategic plan in place. They want feedback from students, parents and staff whether the current 3 focus areas should be continued or should something else be added. The current strategic plan was reviewed.

Eric commented that a good understanding of technology is core to a student's education. His experience has been that people who have a good understanding of and grasp on using technology, are quicker to adapt to new things, catch on to new concepts and apply them faster.

Matt asked how long each day a kid is on the surface pro. Melon responded it varies but at least a couple of hours. She stated that they are great for differentiated education.

Pete said we got 39 new computers this year. We will also be getting some Chrome books thru the ELL program. Jim White has retired, and Eric Soderquist is our new IT Director.

Technology as District goal.

Eric said he remembered attendance was a big goal. It was part of our school improvement plan. Pete commented that attendance actually decreased during that time.

Matt commented that he has had deck hands that when they have no technology available, they just shut down. They don't seem to have any reasoning skills if they can't look up how to do it.

Pete stated that Monday, Sept. 19th at 6 pm at HHS is the Homer wide bus information meeting. Pete encourages everyone to attend. Start and stop times for schools will change.

Updates to the Site Council Bylaws was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting dates for year were chosen – Nov. 29th, Feb. 7th, and April 6th at 3:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sheldon