

McNeil Canyon Elementary
Site Council Meeting
15 Oct 15

Members Present: Pete Swanson, Dale Banks, Joanna Greene, Matt Hakala (telephonically) and Laura Sheldon.

Members Absent: Mark Marette, Sean Rhodes and Melon Purcell.

Others Present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

The McNeil Site Council Bylaws were reviewed. No changes were proposed.

Drama Club for the school Moosical is starting up. The performance is Dec. 10th.

Fall Carnival is coming up on Oct. 30th from 4 – 7 pm.

The recent Artist in the School program was really successful with Josh Nordstrom as the artist.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Oct. 29 & 30.

Tomorrow is the end of 1st Quarter. No School for students. In-service/Work Day for staff.

Ideas for cutting costs in the District Budget were discussed in a work session prior to this meeting. The ideas generated below do not have the entire Site Council's full support.

1. With >80% of budget going into staffing it would be most reasonable to look at a 0.5 increase in PTR
2. With >30% of budget going towards staff benefits there need to be changes made to the benefit package to ensure savings
3. With the consideration that schools operate 9 mos. of the year and they could be generating energy 12 mos. out of the year it might be advantageous to look at Solar energy recovery systems that would produce energy that would be credited toward the schools use during the mos. that we need/use that energy. Wind turbines might also work the same way in the months that schools are using very little energy.

Matt suggested auto switches on lights so they are not on when areas are not occupied.

Dale suggested solar panels. Joanna said she saw that there was grant \$ available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Sheldon