

**McNeil Canyon Elementary**  
**Site Council Meeting**  
05 Dec 17

**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 3:40 pm.

Pete asked if there were any comments that have been given to site council members from parents. Lenore said a kindergarten parent asked about having another recess. The parent would like to see more ways for kids to get outside and has been reading about things they have been doing successfully in Finland. Eric asked if there was any standard for recess as far as length. Pete said our instructional minutes are limited and to have standards. Pete stated we could have a conversation about lengthening the school day to accommodate an additional recess.

Matt commented that he doesn't like early release days. Pete responded that the District is committed to the collaboration time these days provide for staff.

Pupil activity fund reports were reviewed. Pete asked if there were any questions or any additional information needed. Matt asked about pop machine \$ and what it is used for. Laura responded that it is most often transferred into the social committee fund.

Pete reported on site news. – The musical is this Thursday Night., Writer's Workshop is Friday. On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> we will be making Soup kits for the food bank, the 20<sup>th</sup> is mini-workshops, 21<sup>st</sup> is kids last day before winter break so that means it is PJ day, cookies and movie. Staff will have an in-service/work day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pete reported on the District budget process. The budget was on the agenda for the board meeting last night and the Board held a workshop on the budget today. Pete expects to receive the staffing sheet during the last week of Jan. Sometimes he can share that information, sometimes not.

Pete talked about Personalized learning. We are in Wave 2. Pete and Amy attended a training on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and will share that information with staff on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wave 2 schools are scheduled to start in late February. Our staff is ahead of the game having already chosen a learning practice. Our school will meet with Education Elements people in March and again in the Fall.

The Ski program is set to kick off the first Monday we return from Winter Break. The ice rink was ready, iffy now but hope to kick off skating in January.

The following dates were set for meetings for the rest of the year: Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pete informed those present that Melon is retiring at the end of the year.

Pete said the word is that the legislature wants to cut funding for next year.

It was asked if there will be combo classes for next year. Matt asked how the combo classes were working. Pete responded that they are working well, we are able to move to straight grades in the afternoons and yes, there will be some combo classes next year but at this point we don't know for sure how they will be configured.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cheney, Secretary