



Thornton Creek Site Council Regular
Meeting
March 8, 2016
7 pm

Welcome

Attendees: Stacy Earlywine, Chair; Cathy Liermann, Vice Chair; John Miner, Principal; Dion Hutchings, District Relations Committee; Jay Gilvydis; Lisa Anacker; Robin Belz, Treasurer; Elle Bunch; Steph Olson; Julie Shin; Amelia McGee; Rachel Brooks, District Relations Committee; Jenny Benson, Special Education Committee; David Swanson, Teacher; Nicole Stoddard; Heather Sorenson; Deborah Harrison; Susie Bunker; Ginny Alleman, Librarian; Debra Glazer; Sara Eizen; Roger Taylor; Chris Dickens, Curriculum Committee; Aaron Pfeiffer; Anna Farr; Jeanne Gleason, Teacher; Lisa Calvert, Teacher; LaChrista Borgers, Teacher; Sandra Brettler, Teacher.

Film on Thornton Creek Special Education Classes (7:00-7:15)

Teacher Talk (7:15-7:35) – *Teachers: Lisa Calvert, Jeanne Gleason, LaChrista Borgers*

Standardized Testing

Assessments are more of an evaluation than a mark

Standardized-what groups and individuals know in relation to a standard; writing a good standardized test can be difficult to accomplish (ex: question design); can be computer use issues in administering the test (computer interface challenging for younger elementary kids)

K, 1, 2 take the-MAP once per year

3rd-5th SBAC

Dibels-reading assessment

4/5 have state civics assessment-teacher evaluates;

Art and PE-classroom based assessment

Teachers also do their own assessments to see where kids are in their learning (exit tickets, science kits have assessments, etc.)

Principal's Report (7:35 – 7:55) *John Miner*

- **Budget and Enrollment at the District**

SPS is projecting an enrollment of 445 for the 2016-2017 school year not including the SpEd Pre-K that will be added. If we get an enrollment of 450, we will gain a 0.5 core certificated staff person. John has put in a mitigation request with the district for 0.5 counselor that was covered under a waiver for the current school year where a 0.5AP was given up for a 0.6 counselor position. The mitigation request also asks for a 0.2 nursing staff added.

Parents who would like to participate in the interview process for new hires need to take a 1-hour class beforehand.

- **Construction/Auction** At the auction, there will be an opportunity to bid on a hard hat walk through of the new building that will take place sometime later in the spring.

Committee Reports (7:55 – 8:25)

District Relations— *Rachel Brooks and Dion Hutchings*

- **Jill Geary Meeting**-Jill came to Thornton Creek for a visit. She plans on trying to visit annually. Topics discussed include test scores, funding professional development, expanding the curriculum waiver and the possibility of EBD moving from Laurelhurst.

Diversity Committee – *Jay Gilvydis*

- The diversity committee met with the PTA president of Sand Point Elementary to learn more about their school and discuss the idea of moving the geo-zone boundary for Thornton Creek over one block. Moving this boundary would give preference to a more economically diverse population including those living at Brettler Place.
- They are also working on creating a diversity policy and will be initiating a relationship with Solid Ground.

Enrichment Committee – *(comment added after meeting adjourned)*

- The enrichment committee has hired a coordinator for the fall program. Please welcome Andrea Klarman! Registration for spring session will begin later this month.

Chair's Report (8:25 – 8:35) -*Stacy Earlywine*

- Expedition Series including 2 films and a town hall
3/28 showing of the film *Most Likely to Succeed*
4/25 showing of the film *Including Samuel*
5/23 Town Hall-details still being worked out

Treasurer's Report (8:35 – 8:45) – Robin Belz

- **Income** from the read-a-thon was lower than expected because of the way the credit card and PayPal processing worked for the auction tickets. The actual income is around \$16,000 which is \$5,000 less than previously thought.
- **Annual Appeal**-pushed back because of Read-a-Thon
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Approval of February meeting minutes (8:45 – 8:50) – Stacy Earlywine

Vote held: unanimous vote of agree and consent.

Adjourn (8:50 pm)