



Thornton Creek Site Council Regular Meeting
January 12, 2016 7 pm

Welcome

Attendees: Stacy Earlywine, Chair; Cathy Liermann, Vice Chair; John Miner, Principal; Dion Hutchings, District Relations Committee; Cherie Bradshaw; Steve Chavez, teacher; Tammi Mack; Renee Lamphere; Roger Taylor; Heather Sorenson; Jennifer McDowell; Barbara Steffens; Mari Brockhaus, teacher; Jacob Kosman; Amelia McGee; Sonja Hanson; Gretchen Ludwig; Liz Robinson, teacher; Mim Turnbull, teacher; Tisha Freer; Robin Belz, Co-Treasurer; Jonathan Shade; Oliver Ratz; Susie Bunker; Maria Callahan, teacher; Tori Quiles; Bill Reilly; Wendy Linton; Anna Marshall; Karen Selboe; Sara Eizen; Deb Glazer; Crystal Okada, teacher; Ginny Alleman, librarian; Rachel Brooks, Cheryl Lorenz, Jay Gilvydis

Teacher Talk (7:05-7:15) – Teachers: Tammi Mack, Liz Robinson, Steve Chavez

Responsive Classroom Discussion (handout given)

Responsive Classroom is method of teaching that that emphasizes social, emotional as well as academic growth.

Some guiding principles:

- Social and emotional curriculum is as important as academic curriculum
- How children learn is as important as what they learn
- Children need to learn cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control

Classroom practices-morning meeting, students involved in rule creation, first 6 weeks, logical consequences

Principal's Report (7:15 – 7:35) John Miner

• **School Tours**

School tours are coming up. Jennifer and Emily will be training docents to lead the tours. It will be important to inform parents of the changes to enrollment for this year. Tie breakers are changing. There will be no tie breakers after the May deadline. Additionally, while online enrollment is an option, you can still, alternatively, take 2 paper copies in person and have one date stamped.

• **Budget and Enrollment at the District**

The district is working on projections of enrollment for the 2016-2017 year. They are projecting Thornton Creek to have 4 kindergarten classes, 4 1st grade classes, 3 3rd grade classes, 2 4th grades classes and 3 5th grade classes. TC will have a Kindergarten and 1st grade classroom to staff and one position will have to move from 4th/5th loop back to the 2nd/3rd loop. The numbers are unclear for the self-contained classrooms. A number of 5th graders will be graduating this school year. Kindergarten classes will have 22 students, 1st grade will have 24 students, 2nd grade will have 25 students and 3rd-5th will have 27.

- **Construction Update**

The work on the covered play court is due to be completed at the end of January. This will give us some additional space when the construction fence is moved in mid-March.

Staff Report (7:50-8:00) *Ginny Alleman*

The students have been learning about Horace Pippin through the Book “A Splash of Red” both in library and in art with Maria. Some classes had workshops with Book-It Theater as well.

Committee Reports (8:05 – 8:45)

Communications—*Anna Marshall*

- **TC Website relocation**-the TC website has been moved onto the district platform. Their platform provided a mobile user friendly environment as well as being ADA compliant. The district also provides maintenance. This will not replace the newsletter. www.thorntoncreek.org automatically redirects to the new site but any pages deeper than that will not-update bookmarks! Eventually the old site will be retired but currently it is being used for the auction. Also, the school roster is still on the old site. There is not a way to password protect the roster on the new site. Any questions about the new site can be emailed to website@thorntoncreek.org.

District Relations—*Rachel Brooks*

- **Jill Geary Meeting**-committee members attended the Jill Geary meeting. She is working on the curriculum and facilities board committees. In February, she will visit Thornton Creek. In her meeting, Jill said that the new board is committed to transparency.

Transition Team—*Susie Bunker*

- **Playground Design**-It looks like the district approved the additional 2,000 sq.ft. of soft (woodchip) play area. There are 9 vendors for the playground. The committee will narrow down the choices and present them to the community.
- **Traffic Safety**-We are still experiencing some difficulties with mindful parking and driving. The committee has made up signs as gentle reminders. Please remember to drive straight into the drop off area and not angle in as if to park. Additionally, leave enough distances at the corners and leave crosswalks and wheelchair ramps clear. It is important that everyone fills out the survey on how they get to school. This can affect what SDOT is willing to install for traffic safety on the streets.

Renee Lamphere

- Looking at how to be more intentional with culture and possible making a video for open houses.
- Working on 4 pillars
 1. Learning by Discovery/Sharing Responsibilities for Learning
 2. Responsive Classroom and Community
 3. Active Kids/Active Parents
 4. Vibrant School Culture/Rich Traditions

Diversity Committee – *Jay Gilvydis*

- Thornton Creek need a diversity policy specific to the school that may include strongly promoting diversity in its hiring practices.
- Create a flyer about our school to distribute to economic and ethnically diverse

communities.

- Possibly host a diversity day to celebrate all of our diversities at TC.

Facilities/Landscaping—*Stacy/Susie*

- Greg is working with the transition team on landscaping. They are working on how to save the plants we have worked on and also having input on the native plant areas that will be installed.
- Possible installation of a bench and tree to honor Victor Caplan.

Auction—*Stacy Earlywine*

- The auction still needs donations. We currently have \$10,000 fair market value in goods and our goal is \$80,000-\$100,000.
- Auction tickets are on sale now.

Maria

- Several classrooms have not touched base with her as to what their project is. The due date is February 15th.

Chair's Report-*Stacy Earlywine*

- Thank you to the classroom reps for coming.
- Event announcement-Tisha Freer- There will be a screening on Monday January 18th at 7:00pm at Roosevelt High School Theater of the movie *Most Likely to Succeed* followed by a panel Q&A

Treasurer's Report (8:45 – 8:55) – *Robin Belz*

- **Income**-read-a-thon money is below budget. Our budget was \$30,000 but we have only brought in \$9,500.00
- **Annual Appeal**-pushed back because of Read-a-Thon
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Approval of December meeting minutes (8:55 – 9:00) – *Stacy Earlywine*

Vote held: unanimous vote of agree and consent.

Adjourn (9 pm)

