
MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION

It is the practice of the Beaverton School District to have each school submit its Community Engagement Committee minutes to the Superintendent, who, in turn, highlights recommendations, concerns, and/or comments for discussion by the School Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Community Engagement Committee minutes received through August 2012 have been reviewed. No boxed items of concern are noted.

RECOMMENDATION:

(12-202) It is recommended that the School Board and administrative staff receive the above review as an information item.

SITE COUNCIL/CEC MEETING MINUTES

School: Jacob Wismer Elementary School

Date/Time: May 31, 2012 3:15-4:45pm

Chairperson: Joan McFadden, Principal

Members Present: Deborah Starr, Kelley Liesinger, Brian Schnell, Ryoko Kitajima, Shanna Lonnquist and Joan McFadden

Guests: Abhi and Reshma Basu

Old Business: Brian Schnell, CEC chair, signed building use application forms from organizations that have submitted them for building use in 2012-13. These applications had been approved by email by CEC committee members prior to this meeting.

New Business:

1. All parent Site Council/CEC members stated that they will continue in their positions for a second year.
2. Joan shared progress made on our 2011-12 School Improvement Plan goals and noted significant improvement in state test scores on our two targeted populations this year: English Language Learners and students who qualify for Special Education services.
3. Joan provided an update on the impact to JW of the proposed District budget reductions and stated that the JW class size committee recommended 5 classes at 1st grade, 4 classes at 2nd grade, 5 classes at 3rd grade, 4 classes at 4th grade and 4 classes at 5th grade. Joan noted that class size will increase, and we will lose two teachers at grades 1-5. Kindergarten will be the same as this year with two half-day sessions and two full-day sessions. Joan also stated that JW will have music, PE, library and technology for specials as well as a .5 counselor, .5 intervention specialist and full time student supervisor. Staffing for specials will be consistent and equitable among elementary schools in 2012-13.
4. Joan stated that the school district has made a laptop purchase for teachers which will replace their desktop computers. The purchase was made to support the new Synergy system and to ensure teachers have the technology to access applications that will be required by the district. The teachers' old desktops will be used to build a second technology lab in the "fishbowl" classroom that will be used for testing and intervention.
5. Abhi and Reshma Basu, JW parents, presented a proposal to write a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) Intel grant. Mr. Basu, a senior healthcare software engineer at Intel stated ideas for the grant: A. Intel would provide volunteers to speak to JW students in grades K-3 initially (building to K-5) to discuss careers in engineering, the history of technology and how students' education relate to the work of engineers. B. Funding for technological devices and software to enhance STEM education. Mr. Basu stated that the grant would provide \$5000 in seed money. The grant application is due Oct. 1. The CEC unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to support the grant application. Joan will be in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Basu over the summer to begin working on the application.