

## **McNeil Canyon Elementary**

### **Site Council Meeting**

23 Feb 23

**Members Present:** Pete Swanson, Joy Overson, Ashley Hanson, Kendall Dellasperanza, Jamie Pennington and Mark Marette

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Lia Calhoun and Zen Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 3:37pm.

#### **Public Comment:**

Lia thanked our staff for the wonderful work and is grateful to the McNeil Canyon Elementary Community for fostering a strong place for kids to learn. She would also like to learn how to advocate for funding education.

#### **Site News:**

Pete shared how Ashley has joined the ELA committee focused on restructuring our Language Arts program K-6 for next year. Ashley shared how they have narrowed it down to two programs at this point and she feels like they are leaning towards the Amplified program instead of the HMM which is similar to Journeys. The Amplified program integrates science and social studies and is a bit more rigorous per Ashley.

Pete spoke about our upcoming events. Snow Fiesta is Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Snowmads and Guardian Flight joining us again. Spring Break begins with an early release and then a teacher inservice day for the end of our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

#### **KPBSD Budget Review:**

Pete asked Zen about the most recent budget forum and how it went. Zen mentioned that we must expend all our COVID funds by the end of FY24. This will be used to pay salaries for this school year to help close up the deficit gap. The borough has funded us at 52 million for the current year and the district will ask for 54 million for following fiscal year. The board is hopeful that the legislators will increase the BSA. Right now, we need people to contact the legislators encouraging them to increase the BSA. The last time we received a BSA increase was 2017. The things that the board has designated as potential cuts to balance the FY24 budget is an increase to the high school PTR to three, cuts to high school interventionists, closing theaters, closing the pools, cutting school supplies by 10%, extracurricular travel funds, safety equipment by \$25,000, Hockey ice by \$10,000, athletics directors may receive a possible cut. The House bill 65 and Senate bill 39 are the bills focusing on the BSA.

#### **Staffing:**

McNeil will be at a good place with our PTRs and should be able to retain our staff. Pete is hoping to fly the PE/Music teaching position again soon. There are very few people putting in for jobs now that there are possibilities of changing our staffing structure and utilizing emergency placements. Lia asked about the large class size of 1<sup>st</sup> grade and if there is a possibility of splitting them up and having two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes next year. Pete shared there is a possibility of splitting the class up and having a combo class structure.

#### **FY22 Meeting Dates & Times:**

Site Council meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Overson