

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Site Council Meeting

14 Jan 25

Members Present: Brad Conley, Amy Budge, Corise Story, Pete Swanson, Joy Overson, Mark Marette, Jaime Pennington

Members Absent: Delane Blackstock

Others Present: Zen Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 3:23 pm.

Public Presentation: None

Discussion Items:

KPBSD Budget Review Info - Zen Kelly explained the budget balancing tool that the school board has made available to the public on the KPBSD website. He stated that it is a great way for people to gain some perspective on what shape our district budget is in along with giving the public a chance to share possible insight and ideas on how to help balance the KPBSD budget. It is very likely, in the state we are in, that they will have to make some cuts to balance our district budget. Zen's quick facts: we've used all our savings; we have an emergency fund (truly meant for emergencies) that takes school board approval (they do not want to touch that) a BSA increase of an extra \$1,000 is needed to stick with our current staffing with no bonuses/increases. He did mention that the board is looking at consolidations.

Site News:

Pete asked if there were any topics that have been shared by our community with the site council members. Amy mentioned that a parent asked her how serious the board was about a possible four-day week schedule. Zen mentioned that they have a parent survey out to district parents and are currently gathering feedback. He did mention that bus routes also play a part in the decision. Mr. Kelly said that this decision is not a quick one and will not take place for the FY26 school year. Some of the benefits of a 4-day week is that it would allow more time for extracurricular, staff can structure their medical appointments during the 5th day of the week which saves on subs. A couple of possible negative aspects that have been brought up is that this set-up would create longer days for students along with possible childcare issues for parents on the 5th day of the week. Pete mentioned the upcoming early release and data day. He is excited about the student progress that we are seeing with the new structure of interventions that we have in place. He also mentioned that the introduction of CKLA last year has been a big help with that progress. Amy mentioned that she has seen a drop in SPED students since we've implemented these new intervention structures. Title 1 has been a really big help with student progress as well. We currently have a title 1 tutor, one title 1 interventionist and are currently interviewing for another title 1 open position.

We had to postpone our after-school cross-country skiing and skating due to the rough conditions. We are hoping to start them next week. We have our writer's workshop this month along with our school spelling bee. Pete mentioned that there is an upcoming school board meeting that will be hosted at Homer High School on February 11th at 6:00pm in the Homer High School library.

Pete said that he is anticipating similar student numbers for the next school year. Corise did mention that she has recognized that our number of students taking extended vacations has increased. Joy asked if the district was going to bring back the idea of celebrating student attendance. Zen said that they do have a committee that is looking into absences and how to address this issue.

FY24 Meeting Dates & Times:

Site Council meeting April 8th at 3:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Overson