

Highland Elementary School  
**Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting**  
Thursday, September 10, 2015

**Present:** Reed Hodson, Amber Gardiner, Jaime Ward, Fenja Heinrich, Brittney Bills, Lynne Mower, Amy Mullins, Mae Wykstra, Melissa Adams, Catherine Pavia, Keith Johnson, Hyeyoung Thompson

**Call to Order:** Amber called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**Introductions**

**Videos:**

Everyone needs to watch the videos. Everyone has except Melissa who doesn't have to since she is a liason.

**Training/Role of SCC (see flyer handed out)**

- SAGE
- \$\$ - we've spent a lot on technology in the last few years
- Develop School Improvement Plan
- Develop School Land Trust Plan
  - we'll look at our amount from last spring
  - you can have a little rollover but not a lot; the money is intended for the current students
- Child Access Routing Plan
- Reading Achievement Plan
- Community concerns

**Concerns**

- Question on class sizes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade has pretty large classes; Fenja says they have aides this year which is really helpful and feels like her class of 33 is running more smoothly than her class last year of 27
  - They also keep track of class sizes on the district level

**Budget for this year**

- When we discussed budget last year, one of the things we voted to focus on was the 4<sup>th</sup> essential question (what do we do with the kids who already know the stuff).
- Fenja wonders when teachers can start spending the money they've been allotted.

**School Report:** Mr. Hodson

- High numbers in some grades, but others are below ratio (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, for example)
- Some new teachers on board
- District is hoping for \$4 million more from SB97
- Hawk Walk on Friday
- New 4<sup>th</sup> grade program called Wonders; receiving good feedback
- We have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade leaving on the 18<sup>th</sup>, so Mr. Hodson is in the process of replacing her. The 21<sup>st</sup> will be their first day.

**Election of Officers**

- Two positions on an SCC
  - Chair
    - Prepares agenda
    - Sends out an email in advance to ask for agenda items
    - Always says Public Comment at the top and Future Agenda Items at the bottom
    - Try to keep meeting to an hour or less
  - Secretary
    - Takes minutes
    - Minutes are approved at the following meeting
- Brittney nominated Jaime for Chair, Hyeyoung seconded, Voting unanimous
- Brittney nominated Keith for Secretary, Lynne seconded, Voting unanimous

**Meeting ended:** 4:35 p.m.