

EIHS Site Council Meeting – Mar. 11, 2014

Present: Jessica Schabtach, Deon Saraceno, Wade Powell, Donn Osterlund, Catrina Steckler, Hannah Eshleman, Selena Blick, Lloyd Madden, Lisa Albrich, Carey Killen

Convenor: Steve Smith

Recorder: Rebecca Hammons

Review Notes: Minutes from previous meeting were approved with spelling changed from “compete” to “complete” on back page

Parent Report: Lloyd reported that he knows a possibility for a South Eugene parent addition to our Site Council and will, with Site Council approval, approach him for joining us. Site Council approved.

Staff Report: Habitat for Humanity fundraiser happened but no report yet as to how much money was raised. Deon’s summer trip to Tibet and Nepal is moving ahead.

Student Report: Fundraiser in June is moving ahead. Student government has decided not to do T shirts for that fundraiser, but rather stickers or buttons. Wade Powell and Rachael have started approaching Chapala’s and Yumm to see if they will donate part of their day’s proceeds for this event. Student government is also looking for someone to provide color printing for cost to advertise and create stickers for this fundraiser. Lloyd will check into whether or not QSL Printing can provide that service.

Information on Enrollment: Steve presented a chart with current and projected enrollments; these are the numbers on which our staffing is based as well as creating caps for the number of students we can accept. For the numbers that have enrolled as freshmen in ‘14-‘15, Churchill projections are right on the nose; in all likelihood, South or Sheldon will not be able to provide space for out-of-boundary students. We have about 30 in-district kids on a waiting list. Rebecca asked if there’s been any response from those who didn’t get in protesting the fact that all immersion students automatically get accepted. Steve said immersion students lotteried in (we’re coining a new phrase here) in kindergarten, and Rebecca said that had to be bogus and preferential and that she’d raise holy hades in two years if her granddaughter doesn’t lottery in. TBD.

School Reform – Common Core, Content Standards, HB 2220/4150: Steve went over this because we all have different understanding of these things, but we have to make some school decisions regarding implementing Common Core.

The basic skinny: Every discipline has a different set of content standards under Common Core. Schools and teachers want to make sure that all

We went back to the three options Steve laid out. Lloyd said he's for Door #1; Jessica talked about what's gone on in the Oregon Legislator, and that we don't know yet what direction 4j is going in regarding requiring the implementation of HB 2220, though there seems to be a friendly approach by the district, yet the district is reluctant to require teachers to take such a major step at this time.

Jessica put forth the view that we need a great deal of discussion about whether or not this is right for us and that we need to educate ourselves regarding this.

Lloyd reported that he likes the idea of starting with the end in mind, which is what his work with computer program does. Steve added that a lot of the systems being put in place reflect this philosophy. Wade commented that he's not sure this holds true in classrooms because of the layer of complexity needed for differentiated instruction, that perhaps this is where some of the doubts or challenges for teachers are and that figuring this out could take a number of years.

Donn spoke to the huge cultural shift that is required as we begin to see "growth" as achievement rather than "passing" as achievement. Creating assessments that give us feedback on this measurement is a real challenge. Remaining question from Wade: What happens at senior year if a student doesn't meet proficiency?

Jessica: The District hasn't said that we're giving up letter grades, and teachers will be the ones who set a letter grade.

Donn: There are some unknowns (common amusement); figuring out some things is above our pay grade.

Spring Calendar: Parent meeting next week, CAS Fair and Eurasian Conference in April, IB testing in May, Farewell Assembly and graduation in June!