

# **Eisenhower Jr. SCC Minutes**

Jan. 10, 2018

Media Center

**Meeting start time:** 3:15pm

**Attendees:** Mark Ellermeier (principal), Mr. Martin (asst Principal), Marianne Johansen (asst principal), Betsy Valora (parent-chair), Sue Weierman (teacher-vice-chair), Sarah Timpson (parent-secretary), Hillary Dalton (parent), Mike Valdez (teacher), Teresa Gerber (counselor), Jacqueline Swensen (parent), Fern McLelland (teacher), Christina Anderson (teacher), Scott Anderson (parent), Kammie Jones (parent). **Excused:** Ryan Swensen (parent)

**1. Approval of last month's meeting minutes:** Proposed by Sue Weierman and seconded by Teresa Gerber. Approved by all present.

**2. Allocation for next year's Land Trust money:** Mr. Ellermeier explained that because our school has 15% mobility (on average 100 students move out each year but then a different 100 students move in during the same year) it is tricky to estimate how many teachers to hire and how to set class schedules. And Ms. Gerber explained that Eisenhower has 486 of its students are classified as ESL and 474 of those students are further classified into levels 1-3 (meaning they need remedial help with basic English speaking, reading and writing).

Therefore the administration proposes that next year the Trust Lands Budget include money to add 2 extra ESL (read-write) classes, add 2 more AVID classes (moving from 1 to 3) and adding one more Latinos in Action (LIA) class (moving from 1 to 2). The bulk of the Trust Land money is spent on aides that is money well spent and will probably not change next year.

**3. School Counselors:** Teresa Gerber reports that they are on track for registrations to begin for next year. She also emphasized the process parents and students must follow for requesting class changes for next semester.

**4. School Programs:** Jacque Swensen said that her family attended both the band and choir concerts this last month and reported that crowd control issues prior to door opening of December's choir concert. The doors were open well in advance for the band concert for family members to find a seat. But at the choir concert, the doors were locked to parents until 6:30pm. Jacque reported scuffling and harsh words amongst some parents and asked if the doors could be opened sooner. Mr. Ellermeier reported that it is at Mrs. Roe's request that the doors remain locked allowing the choirs time to rehearse. But the administration said they would pass on the parent concern to Mrs. Roe.

Ms. Weierman brought up that the Eisenhower Showcase is coming up on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm for all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Administration said they would send out a teleparent and a flyer to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders inviting them to that event.

**5. New "Proficiency-Based Grading" math program:** Ms. Johnson came to represent the math department and ask specifically what information the parents would want to be put on the parent flyer. She explained why our math department decided to be a part of the pilot study (so their input back to the district would be heard) and explained the need for students to do practice assignments even though they do not get graded. Ms. Weierman suggested we all see the PowerPoint on the [graniteschools.org](http://graniteschools.org) webpage under school "Board Reports – January 2018" where Leslie Bell, Director of Curriculum, and Sheri Sorensen, Associate Director of Advanced Learning and Dual Immersion, gave a report on [Proficiency Based Grading](#).

**6. PTSA Fundraiser idea** – Hilary Dalton and Sarah Timpson are considering going with a discount card fundraiser for the PTSA annual fundraiser and asked for input from the council to which businesses within the school community they would prefer to put on the card.

**7. Other Business:** Other school programs in February include the band's Solo Ensemble the evening of Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and the National Junior Honors Society's Induction Ceremony on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**8. Next month's meeting:** Due to SEP Conferences on our regularly scheduled date, we chose Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> for our next month's meeting.

**Meeting adjourned time:** 4:12pm