

Kennedy Middle School  
Site Council Minutes  
October 29, 2009  
Meeting Notes

In attendance: Liz Hendrickson, Jeremy Cohen, Janell Schoellhorn, Charlie Smith, George Russell, Iao Harrowe, Greg Harrowe, Yvonne Twedt, Nolan Heinz, Michelle Bierman

- I. Meeting Goals
  - a. George Russell to speak about school improvement goals
  - b. Finalize election of council chair
  - c. Approve new members
  - d. Finalize by-laws
- II. Assign roles
  - a. Nolan Heinz to take this meeting's minutes
  - b. Yvonne Twedt to be the time-keeper
- III. Vote to accept agenda
  - a. The vote was unanimous to accept the agenda.
- IV. George Russell
  - a. George Russell spoke about district wide school improvement goals as well as his own superintendent's goals for the district.
  - b. Some of those notable goals were (but are not limited to):
    - i. Increase achievement for all students and close the achievement gap for students of color.
    - ii. Implement new state-adopted content and performance standards (new graduation requirements recently adopted).
    - iii. Better target allocation of resources to schools and students, which need support to be on track to graduate.
    - iv. Conduct reviews and assessments of alternative schools within Eugene 4j.
    - v. OAKS benchmarks should have 90% and 85% passing in reading and math, respectively (currently these percentages are 80% and 76%).
    - vi. Provide prudent stewardship of district resources to best support success.
    - vii. Engage all stakeholder groups (community, staff, families, students, elected officials, community organizations, etc.) in supporting and improving our schools for all students.
    - viii. Questions and discussion followed.
- V. Recording Devices
  - a. It was pointed out at this time that an audio recording device belonging to one of the members was being used.
  - b. Several other members expressed discomfort with this, and the device was turned off.

- c. It was informally agreed that several members would look into the legality/rules of recording devices in meetings such as these.
- VI. Finalize election of chair
  - a. With a quorum and 2/3 of our members present, we were able to approve the election of the council chair.
  - b. A motion was made to elect Michelle Bierman council chair and all members voted unanimously to approve.
- VII. Approval of previous minutes
  - a. The minutes from the previous meeting (September 22) were unanimously approved.
- VIII. Approval of new members
  - a. New and returning parents were approved for membership on Site Council: Ann Reeder, Janell Schoellhorn.
- IX. Finalization of by-laws
  - a. By-laws from the previous meeting were reviewed.
  - b. There was lengthy discussion about the composition of site council (balance of teachers, administrators, classified staff, students and parents, etc.).
  - c. EEA contract states teachers must be the largest stakeholder group and must make up at least half of site council unless the teaching staff of the school votes (75% approval).
  - d. A motion was made to adopt the site council by-laws and composition as it is for now, and to propose to the teaching staff that teachers be allowed to compose less than half of site council so long as they remain the largest shareholder group.
  - e. More discussion followed.
  - f. Motion to approve by-laws was approved with one vote abstaining.
  - g. A motion was made to adjourn and all accepted the motion.

Goals for next meeting:

- Approve minutes from April and May of last school year.
- Discussion of achievement data.
- Discussion of implementation/modification of our school improvement plan to align with District and Superintendent's goals
- Time for next meeting: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm.