

PTA Meeting Minutes December 10th, 2015

Attendees: Christine Sullivan, Elizabeth Schwartz, Susan Hans, Kaiya Korb, Andrea Cox

Welcome and Sign In

Update on School Grounds Work

The results of survey about priorities for school grounds work that was conducted this fall was shared. Kaiya asked that the PTA consider, at a future meeting, what, if any of these projects, the PTA might be willing to help fund. Drainage work will take place in the summer of 2016 around the building. Possible sand area/water feature to be incorporated into this project. Other funding sources through grants are also being explored. Permits are needed for any structure built on school property.

Discussion about School Budget Draft for 2015-2016

The next budget meeting is scheduled for December 21st and will have more information on the tax impact of the proposed budget. While the proposed budget has a decrease in spending of 5.6 %, student numbers are also decreasing. As taxes are directly related to per pupil expenses, fewer students can result in increased taxes, even though the budget is for less overall money. Changes in special education needs are the biggest driver of the reduction of the budget.

Update on School Board Consolidation

The Act 46 study committee is exploring school board consolidation and not school consolidation. Benefits for school board consolidation are shared resources for cost savings and the opportunity for more flexibility to build sustainable schools. Additionally, Act 46 builds many tax incentives (and penalties) in to encourage board consolidation.

Early Education Committee

Request for parenting class to possibly bring Scott Noyes to present on topics not yet determined. Research will be done into presentations other schools have on their calendars.

Next PTA meeting Thursday, January 10th, 2015