



2016-17  
**District Advisory Council Meeting**  
 October 27, 2016  
**Gresham High School**

**DAC Members present:**

<i>Deep Creek-Damascus</i>	Stefanie Craft
<i>East Gresham ES</i>	
<i>East Orient ES</i>	Amy Buren
<i>Hall ES</i>	Gerene Daugherty
<i>Highland ES</i>	Cary Barrett
<i>Hogan Cedars ES</i>	
<i>Hollydale ES</i>	Cyndi Smith Katie Krueger
<i>Kelly Creek ES</i>	Kathy Koch
<i>North Gresham ES</i>	Michelle Carter

<i>Powell Valley ES</i>	Kaleena Purdum
<i>West Gresham ES</i>	Trisha Knobbs
<i>Clear Creek MS</i>	Cyndi Smith
<i>Dexter McCarty MS</i>	
<i>Gordon Russell MS</i>	Nick Kemper
<i>West Orient MS</i>	Amy Buren
<i>Gresham HS</i>	
<i>Sam Barlow HS</i>	
<i>Springwater Trail HS</i>	

**School Board Members:** Sharon Garner and John Hartsock.

**Administrators:** Athena Vadnais, Teresa Ketelsen, Sara Huston, Karina Bruzzese, and Michael Schaefer.

**-MINUTES-**

**Called To Order**

Vice Chair Cyndi Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. and reviewed the evening's agenda.

**Principal's Report – Michael Schaefer, Gresham High School**

Principal Michael Schaefer shared information about this school. Staff members have been working to build a sense of community between students and staff. They are continuing to work on increasing the graduation rate and the percentage of freshmen on track to graduate. They are also working on attendance, which at this point in time is well ahead of last year. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a part of their work and it includes teaching lessons related to the acronym REAL. (Respect, Excellence, Accountability and Leadership) At the end of his presentation, Principal Schaefer took the

group on a tour of the school. She showed some of the building's challenges and talked about how the proposed school bond would address those challenges and improve student learning and school safety.

### **District's Equity Policy-Dr. Sara Huston and Karina Bruzesse**

Dr. Huston, the district's executive director of school performance and Ms. Bruzesse, the district's English language learner director, shared the district's equity policy, JBB-Educational Equity. The Superintendent's Equity Advisory Committee drafted the policy and recommended it. The committee was made up of students, staff, and parents. The equity policy was adopted by the school board at its June 9, 2016, meeting. Equity means each learner and community has the opportunity to succeed and that culture and diversity are assets for our communities that are to be respected for their multiple perspectives on learning. As we move forward, the district will be working to put the policy into practice. In addition to the Superintendent's Equity Advisory Committee, there is a District Equity Team made up of employees and school-based equity teams.

### **District Interaction with the Board – Sharon Garner and John Hartsock**

Board members shared an update on the work of the group Yes for Student Success to reach out to the community about the school bond. Various activities have taken place to reach voters who don't have kids in school. Yes for Student Success Campaign Manager Stefanie Craft shared opportunities PTC members and other volunteers have in the coming week to assist in the effort.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Athena Vadnais

Community Engagement Director