



2016-17
District Advisory Council Meeting
February 16, 2017
Clear Creek Middle School

DAC Members present:

<i>Deep Creek-Damascus</i>	
<i>East Gresham ES</i>	Elsie Flowers
<i>East Orient ES</i>	Amy Buren
<i>Hall ES</i>	Alicia Renner Gerene Daugherty
<i>Highland ES</i>	
<i>Hogan Cedars ES</i>	Chris Baker
<i>Hollydale ES</i>	Cyndi Smith Tom Sherman
<i>Kelly Creek ES</i>	
<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 Gerene Daugherty
<i>West Orient MS</i>	Amy Buren
<i>Gresham HS</i>	Lance Hallberg
<i>Sam Barlow HS</i>	Candi Blaney Judy Davis
<i>Springwater Trail HS</i>	Ron Rasmussen

School Board Members: Sharon Garner and John Hartsock.

Administrators: Athena Vadnais, Jim Schlachter, Teresa Ketelsen, John Koch, David Atherton.

-MINUTES-

Called To Order

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

Principal's Report - David Atherton, Clear Creek School

Principal David Atherton shared information about this school. School staff has been working on increasing student attendance. The school's social worker and school staff work to determine what barriers are in the way that keep students from attending and look for resources to help support those students. The school has also worked to increase the technology available to students. Several years ago there was 1 computer for every 4.8 students. Today there is 1 computer for every 1.78 students. The school has a STEAM class

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art [Design] and Math) that was developed through a grant from the Oregon Department of Education. Eighty-four percent of students go through the STEAM class. The class recently won a contest sponsored by Samsung. They received \$25,000 to design and build manipulatives for Alzheimer's patients.

Special Education Program Overview-John Koch

John Koch, the district's executive director of student support services provided the group with an overview of the district's special education program. Through the use of three hands-on activities, Mr. Koch reviewed three basic disabilities facing special education students. He shared that the school district is conducting a comprehensive re-evaluation of how it provides special education services. As a part of the evaluation, parents of special education students are being surveyed.

District Interaction with the Board – Sharon Garner and John Hartsock

Board members shared an update on the school board's superintendent search. Superintendent Jim Schlachter is retiring at the end of the 2016-17 school year. The school board is surveying students, parents, staff members, and community members. Their goal is to identify the key characteristics and attributes desired in the next superintendent. Parents, students, and community members are being surveyed through the school district's Thoughtexchange online discussion software. (Staff members are being surveyed using an online survey designed specifically for them.) The feedback will be used to create a profile that outlines what the community would like to have in the next superintendent.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Athena Vadnais

Community Engagement Director