



2016-17  
**District Advisory Council Meeting**  
 March 16, 2017  
**Powell Valley Elementary 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>	Alicia Renner Kristina Dowell
<i>Highland ES</i>	Cary Barrett
<i>Hogan Cedars ES</i>	Chris Baker
<i>Hollydale ES</i>	Cyndia Smith Tom Sherman
<i>Kelly Creek ES</i>	
<i>North Gresham ES</i>	Monika DeShazer

<i>Powell Valley ES</i>	Kaleena Purdum
<i>West Gresham ES</i>	Trisha Knobbs
<i>Clear Creek MS</i>	Cyndia 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>	Judy Davis
<i>Springwater Trail HS</i>	Ron Rasmussen Tom Sherman

**School Board Members:** John Hartsock.

**Administrators:** Athena Vadnais, James Hiu, Julie Evans, Michele Cook.

**-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 - Principal Michele Cook-Powell Valley Elementary School**

Principal Michele Cook shared information about the school. It was built in 1962. Powell Valley staff members focus on innovative instruction. They believe that educators are learners too and that they are preparing their students for a future we cannot see. Through their efforts, the staff has seen a 10% increase in proficient readers over the last two years. The school has a STEAM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) and a MakerSpace classroom that allows students to show what they know through STEAM. Their PTC Club is focused on student learning. They hold fundraisers to support fieldtrips, to take care of classroom needs, and for the MakerSpace classroom. The school also has a

partnership with Cornerstone Church. The church assists with community clean-up day, provides volunteers for events, donates classroom supplies, and donated a sound system.

### **Full-Day Kindergarten Evaluation- Executive Director of Elementary Education**

#### **Julie Evans**

Julie Evans, the district's executive director of elementary education, shared student learning data from the district's full-day kindergarten program. This is the district's second year of full-day kindergarten. The data shows the full-day program is helping students become more proficient in learning letters and sounds. Kindergarten teachers tell us that by the end of the school year their students have more stamina and confidence, they are more apt to solve their own problems, and they have the ability to attack words and read. First grade teachers tell us that when students start the school year after having experienced a full-day kindergarten program, they have a greater knowledge of foundational skills, can go deeper into content, and are ready to learn on "day one" because they are use to school routines.

### **District Interaction with the Board -John Hartsock**

Board member John Hartsock updated DAC on the timeline for the superintendent search. A profile was created based on feedback from staff, parents, and community members. The board will be interviewing candidates in April. Mr. Hartsock shared that school bond planning work is underway. He told the group that information about the process will be shared with staff, parents, and the community later this spring.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Athena Vadnais

Community Engagement Director