



2016-17
District Advisory Council Meeting
 September 15, 2016
North Gresham Elementary School

DAC Members present:

<i>Deep Creek-Damascus</i>	Stefanie Craft
<i>East Gresham ES</i>	Elsie Flowers
<i>East Orient ES</i>	Amy Buren
<i>Hall ES</i>	
<i>Highland ES</i>	Cary Barrett
<i>Hogan Cedars ES</i>	
<i>Hollydale ES</i>	Cyndi Smith Tom Sherman
<i>Kelly Creek ES</i>	Kathy Koch
<i>North Gresham ES</i>	Monika DeShazer Michelle Carter

<i>Powell Valley ES</i>	Kaleena Purdum
<i>West Gresham ES</i>	Trisha Knobbs Dori Moullet
<i>Clear Creek MS</i>	Cyndi Smith
<i>Dexter McCarty MS</i>	
<i>Gordon Russell MS</i>	
<i>West Orient MS</i>	Amy Buren
<i>Gresham HS</i>	Matt Wells Lance Hallberg
<i>Sam Barlow HS</i>	
<i>Springwater Trail HS</i>	Ron Rasmussen

School Board Members: Carla Piluso, Kris Howatt, Sharon Garner, and John Hartsock.

Administrators: Jim Schlachter, Athena Vadnais, James Hiu, Teresa Ketelsen, Sara Huston, Julie Evans, Randy Bryant, John Koch, Mike Schofield, and Tracy Klinger.

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Called To Order

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

District Introductions – Superintendent Jim Schlachter

Superintendent Jim Schlachter introduced the school board members. Members of his district-level administrative team were also introduced.

DAC Introductions – Community Engagement Director Athena Vadnais

Communications and Community Engagement Director Athena Vadnais led DAC member introductions. Each DAC member introduced themselves, shared which school(s) they

represented, and where their student(s) attend school.

Principal's Report – Tracy Klinger, North Gresham Elementary School

Principal Tracy Klinger shared with the group that North Gresham Elementary School is one of two schools participating in a technology grant/pilot. The TechSMART Initiative grant will fund teacher professional learning paired with technology at North Gresham Elementary and Kelly Creek Elementary. The goal of the grant is to significantly increase the number of students reading at grade level by the end of the third grade. The grant was awarded to the school district from the Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission (MHCRC). Principal Klinger also took the District Advisory Council members on a tour of the school. If the November school bond passes, North Gresham Elementary would be replaced.

School Bond Update - Superintendent Jim Schlachter

Superintendent Schlachter shared basic information about the school bond that will be on the November 2016 ballot. If passed, the \$291.17 million school bond would:

- Expand Education Opportunities for Every Student
- Increase Safety & Security
- Upgrade and Update Existing Buildings
- Renovate and Replace Aging Schools

The school bond would cost taxpayers \$1.89 per every \$1000 of assessed value. The school bond would impact every school in the district. More information about the school bond and school specific project lists can be found on the district website at www.Gresham-BarlowBond.org

District Interaction with the Board – Board of Directors

Board members answered questions related to the school bond.

The board members spoke at length about the need to pass the bond, and the urgency in moving forward with needed repairs and upgrades to our facilities. They emphasized the educational benefit to the bond and the support it would give students and staff. They were unified in their support of the bond.

They encouraged parents to be informed; for further opportunities and to be involved as advocates in their community, they referred parents to the Yes For Student Success Political Action Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Athena Vadnais

Community Engagement Director