

School Governance Council
Wildwood Elementary School
Minutes of the Meeting of Mar 26, 2015, 3:30pm

Attending: Nick Yaffe (principal), Susan Bellak (parent), Kristin Lieber (parent), Kerry Crosby (parent), Betsy Todd (special education teacher)

Co-Chairs: Nick Yaffe and Kerry Crosby.

AGENDA

I. Welcome, introductions, Review and approval of last meeting's minutes.

The group approved last month's minutes.

Nick Yaffe gave an update on school hirings: (1) interviews for the open librarian position have been conducted and finalists selected; (2) the school is hiring two new special education teachers to support co-teaching, one this year and one next year; (3) the Kindergarten and 2nd grade vacancies may be filled through internal hiring depending on district staffing decisions. The school building committee met. A project manager has been hired who will conduct community outreach and engagement. One option being considered is greater grade separation, for example having grades K-1 and grades 2-3 etc. in separate schools. Enrollment is a factor in making decisions about school considerations. Nick Yaffe and Betsy Todd noted that enrollment is up at Wildwood, due in part to the new Olympia Village development, but down in the region and across MA overall.

II. District Parent Survey Wrap Up

The group reviewed and revised comments on the District Parent survey. The survey comments, collected in a Google Doc, will be forwarded to the district survey coordinator.

III. Parent Partnership Update

The district will conduct two focus groups with parents and staff about family engagement. In addition to the interview, this group will participate in a school walk through. The SGC can provide help in identifying participants that are representative of the diversity in the school.

III. Posting pictures of kids and Communication Guidelines

The group did not have time to discuss these topics