**Apollo Elementary Site Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 8, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. by Kim Siemens

**Attendance**

Kim Siemens, Jane Harris, Emily Mitchell, Laura Sween, Kimberly Nocco, Laura Ni, Jenise Clausen

December 4, 2015 minutes were approved.

**Introductions**

Welcome to our new member!

* Laura Ni—Primary Parent Representative

**Principal’s News**

District Bond

* Includes building one high school, one middle school, two elementary schools
* Updating and remodeling other ISD schools
* Reasons for Bond
  + ISD is growing by approximately 500 students per year (we are now larger than Bellevue)
  + All Day Kindergarten is also increasing the need for more classrooms
  + New and remodeled schools are more energy efficient which saves taxpayers money
  + ISD credit is very high so we can get great loan rates; taxes will not increase

**Dean’s News**

Smarter Balanced Assessments

* Completed our first week successfully
* Up to three classes testing each day

Possible Recess Play Coach

* Jenise presented to the Issaquah Schools Foundation a proposal for a grant that would pay for a Play Coach at all recesses
  + Helps students to engage in exercise/games for those who don’t know rules or don’t know how to join activities
  + Plays with students, teaching rules, sportsmanship, problem solving
  + Reduces conflict on playground so that students return to class prepared for learning
  + Will lead and train intermediate students to help with problem solving at recess

**PTA News**

School of Excellence

* PTA is working hard (especially Christi Schumman and Kimberly Nocco) towards Apollo earning the PTA National School of Excellence Award
  + This year’s focus is Health and Wellness
    - There have been nutrition activities during lunch/recess
    - Mr. Johnson has partnered with PTA using data he has collected from his students during PE
    - Partnership with YMCA who provides Monday play coach during PM recess and weeklong activity training (jump rope, Hip Hop, Four Square)

Multi-Cultural Night

* Friday, March 18 6:00-8:00 PM
* A very popular event
* One of the largest multi-cultural events in the district

Science Fair-April 22nd

* PTA representatives will give demonstrations in classrooms
* Demonstration will be planned in the MPR for 4th and 5th grade students
* Many teachers require students to participate

**New Business**

Site Council Focus

* Council discussed how we might support PBSES
* May be a source of ideas of how to support Tier 1
  + Whole school reward system
  + Social/Emotional curriculum
  + Will discuss this further at our June 3rd meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Next meeting is June 3rd at 7:45

Recording Secretary

Jenise Clausen