



**Board School Site Visit Minutes  
Thursday, January 19, 2023**

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The Board of Directors held a School Site Visit on Thursday, January 19, 2023. The meeting began at 9 am and was held at Skyline Elementary School. Directors Denholm, Burchard, Olson and Cannon were present. Director Gray was excused. Also attending was Superintendent Shawn Woodward.

The meeting began with a short (approximately 30 minutes) presentation from Skyline Principal Erik Olson. Mr. Olson shared it is an honor for him to serve as principal. The kids and community are phenomenal. The presentation included the following:

- Review of the school's Mission Statement - *Our mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where **all** students are empowered to explore, learn, and lead with kindness* - and notation this statement is shared school-wide each morning. When asked, a majority of Skyline students can, from memory, recite the school's mission statement.
- Sharing that at Skyline there is a community emphasis on *whole child* opportunities that includes three main focus areas: Culture, Academics and Leadership Habits.
- Brief overview of the schools four teacher-lead action teams: Lighthouse Action Team, Culture Action Team, Leadership Action Team and Academic Action Team.

Mr. Olson additionally shared the outstanding reading achievements made by current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from last year to this year (77% met or exceeded projected growth goal) and the role that Data Binders, where students set their own learning goals, played in this exceptional growth/improvement. In response to a question from Director Cannon, Mr. Olson noted the benefits and importance of Wednesday PLC time in providing opportunities for grade level to grade level conversations.

At Skyline Mr. Olson noted his personal emphasis on creating a culture of trust and building a team mentality with staff, students and families. Superintendent Woodward noted Mr. Olson is an exceptional building leader with an excellent balance between culture and academics.

The following Core Paradigms that are a part of learning at Skyline were reviewed:

- Everyone Can Be a Leader
- Everyone has a Genius
- Change Starts with Me
- Empower Students to Lead their own Learning
- Educators & Parents Partner to Develop the Whole Person

Following this whole group presentation board members divided into two groups, one led by Mr. Olson and one led by Superintendent Woodward. Each group visited four different classrooms.

The Board School Site Visit adjourned at 10:30 am.

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**President**

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**Secretary**