

# **Douglass SIT meeting notes**

**Wed, Jan 20, 2:45 pm**

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Present: Jon Wolfer, Sue Mills, Bina Moser, Donna Jones, Cecilee Rogers, Lynn Twietmeyer, Jeanne Candler, Chaz Levenberg, Bill Smith, Nicky Kroge.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved

## **Membership, Jon Wolfer**

We are no longer SIT but are SAC, school accountability committee. Beth Ellis is student teaching so she has asked to be "retired" from the committee, so we need to find a new parent rep and to find somebody to fill the role of DAC, District Accountability Committee for next year. Beth will continue to attend the DAC meetings until the end of the year. She will share info with someone on the committee for our SAC meetings.

## **Budget, Jon Wolfer**

This committee will be charged with sharing information about next year's budget. Jon shared a chart with possible shortfalls from state budget and what we can expect for Douglass. He hasn't been given "real" totals but it will be a lean year next year. The hope is that it will be a one-year situation. Class size for next year will go up one student, so that will probably affect our FTE. Jon believes that some cuts will be dictated and others will be decided upon at the building level. We will be asked soon which discretionary areas can be cut at Douglass. We will need to ask our community for feedback about what they think we can cut. However, it's difficult to make suggestions without more specific information from the state, regarding the level and types of cuts our district should expect.

## **Parent & Faculty Survey, Jon Wolfer**

In the meantime, our faculty has made a list of needs/wants and is in the process of prioritizing the list in order to provide suggestions to SAC and PTO as they determine how to allocate parent donated funds. Donna and Bina will develop a survey to help identify which needs/wants are most important to parents. The top

priority among staff is to try to mitigate the loss of district funds as much as possible. Our SAC committee agreed. Until we know how "deep" the district cuts will be it's impossible to guess how much money will be needed for backfill, and how much could be available to support the needs identified by faculty and parents. Once we have more information from the district, the parent survey will be conducted.

**February Meeting(s), Jon Wolfer**

We will probably want to meet before the next scheduled meeting (Feb 17). When there is enough budget information for us to discuss, Jon will ask us to gather again. At that point, we hope to come up with a plan for gathering input from parents regarding their priorities for use of district and parent-donated funds.

**We adjourned at 4:30.**