

# Walnut Bend School of Environmental Sciences

## SDMC Meeting Minutes November 28, 2018

The meeting began at 3:32 pm. Those present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

The committee reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Schertle made a motion to accept as written and it was seconded by Mrs. Winata. Motion passed.

Mrs. Dahlquist introduced the process to articulate our 5 year vision. The committee broke into groups of two and reviewed and gave feedback on questions designed to develop our understanding of what is important to the way we function as a school for consistency. Then the most important aspects were identified as a starting point to developing our vision.

Mrs. Dahlquist updated the committee on the budget. Final budget numbers have not been released at this time, but we are projected to have a budget increase.

Mrs. Dahlquist presented information on the SPARK Park initiative. Updates were given on the art installation and progress of the turf. Dedication is tentatively planned for February.

Junior Achievement JA in a Day will take place on Friday with enough volunteers from Frost Bank for all K-5 classrooms. Ms. Richardson will update with specifics.

Walnut Bend is an Arts Connect school for 2018-2019 and we are currently working to bring in two plays for the majority of the school, three storytelling experiences for the lower grades, and a photography and writing 10-week residency for 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

All schools in the West Area are asked to send two teachers to a week of training in January. Information was given about the Kagan Cooperative Learning training so they have additional information to pass along about this initiative.

PTO information shared information about December plans and activities.

In our quest to become a Family Friendly School for this school year, we are hosting a School Climate Walkthrough with members of the community on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Effort will be made to include parents representative of our different cultures and from the apartment complexes.

Safety Update: Must pull on the back door near the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hallway as the doors are not reliable to shut behind you. Fire Drill procedures were highlighted, and teachers were informed that our December drill will be observed by the safety department reps from the district.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.