

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) to the Superintendent: Key Communications May 31, 2018

Each school has two representatives on this committee. Laura Lawyer and Holly Miller are co-chairs:

- We are here to learn, have discussions and give input to the superintendent. **Please bring information back to each of our schools, share it, and take back questions or concerns from other parents.**
- Please arrange for a parent substitute to attend PAC if you are unable to attend.

Welcome and Introductions - What do you do for self-care on a stressful day?

Superintendent's Update

Dr. Baker welcomed everyone to Sehome High School and introduced Jay Jordan, our new executive director of teaching and learning.

- **Gordon Carter Conservation Site:** Rob McElroy, executive administrator on special assignment, presented an update on the district's property near Lake Whatcom. Recent rules have changed, which will allow us to resume plans to develop and add infrastructure for student learning and outdoor experiences. Design work will start this year, and we plan to build a new large group facility in the summer of 2019.
- **High School Schedule:** This is our first year implementing an eight-period schedule, which allows us to have all four high schools on the same schedule. We are considering an adjustment for next year to bring more consistency to the schedule by potentially adding a support period (aka Thor, Rally Time, Harbor or Raider Aid) to the end of every day (currently it's offered mid-day Wednesdays and Thursdays).
- **District Office:** The district office is on the list of facilities to be improved/rebuilt thanks to the voter-approved bonds in 2013 and 2018. This would require 90+ staff members to relocate for two years while we remodel our current building on Dupont Street. Last spring, we presented an idea to move the district office to the Armory on State Street instead of remodeling the current site. Recently, we were approached by Barkley Group developers about relocating to a new (not yet constructed) building in Barkley Village.

Social and Emotional Learning

Trina Hall, director of teaching and learning, presented the social emotional learning (SEL) curriculum the district is planning to purchase and implement for K-8 next school year. She explained the process of the [SEL Curriculum Advisory](#) and discussed [Caring School Community](#) (elementary curriculum), [RULER](#) (middle school curriculum) and [CASEL Family SEL Resources](#).

Technology 1:1 Update

Dr. Bill Palmer, director of teaching and learning - technology integration, and Kurt Gazow, executive director of educational technology, shared some reflections and lessons learned in our first year implementing 1:1 technology (one laptop per student) at Options and Squalicum high schools and Kulshan Middle School. Next year, all middle and high schools will be going 1:1. We will have devices for all students in grades 3-5 at Roosevelt and Carl Cozier elementary schools (laptops will stay at school), and iPads for K-2. Teachers at the remaining elementary schools will be receiving professional development to prepare for the 2019-20 school year.

Shout Outs and Announcements

- Jami Pitman will be the new co-chair next year of PAC; the group showed appreciation for Holly Miller who has been a co-chair for two years.
- Friends of the Family Resource Center now has accounts at Wee Ones, Little Bugs and Labels to allow consigners to give money to the Family Resource Center (FRC) (instead of their personal account).
- Birchwood Elementary is having an all school parade on June 13 from the school to Squalicum Creek Park.