

WES Site Council

Monday, March 2, 2015

Location: Library

4:00-5:00pm

Members:

Elton Armbrister, Principal
Todd Flory, teacher (Chair)
Natasha McKenna, teacher
Erin Baker, parent
Amanda Schuster, parent
Kelsey Lewis, parent
Nadio Pappademos, parent
Darrel Stinson, parent

Simon Armbrister, student
Amanda DuFrain, teacher
Karson Stinson, student
Will Baker, student
Riley Schuster, student
Emberlin Lewis, student
Hannah Pappademos, student

1) **Stacy Hudson: director of technology and innovation Tech Department Update**

*Over the next 12-18 months the district will be working on a Technology Strategic Plan. A technology advisory council will be formed and assist in developing the plan. The plan will be made up of 2 main parts:

- Technology and Infrastructure Purchases and Replacements
- Technology Integration

The technology advisory council will look at 3 main things:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be in 3-5 years
- How are we going to get there?

*Google Chrome Books will be purchased as we move forward due to them being more cost efficient, faster and more user friendly for the students.

As addition tech items are added, more access points are needed to ensure connectivity for the devices. At this point Wheatland is looking to add a couple of more to help with the issues we currently having.

2) **Budget update: Mr. Armbrister**

There will be an approximate \$270,000 reduction in our budget for our district this current year. The only current effect of this, as of now, is that there are current openings that are not being filled due to the uncertainty of next year. The district has planned well in order of preparation for budget reductions. Budget Committee: There are smaller budget groups now, whereas in the past, there was 1 large budget committee. This year there are smaller committees overseeing smaller portions of the budget, which is more efficient especially with time management. Those smaller committees have been getting together and figuring out a way to have a 10% reduction just to be ready.

3) **Climate Survey: Mr. Armbrister**

The Wheatland parent and student climate survey results were reviewed and discussed. Lots of positive feedback overall! The one area that scored low was the satisfaction of grading practices being clear and understandable. Communication and information about Standards Based Grading from teachers is vital. Letting the parents know if a child is struggling immediately is the best practice so the parents know to work on with their student. Revisiting information about SBG with parents would be a good idea now that we've been doing this for a while and they have had a chance to get use to the change.

Next Meeting: April 6