

**Red Pine Elementary School
Site Council Minutes
September 11, 2008
4:00 p.m. Conference Room**

Present-Damon Fitzgerald, Denise Sjoberg, Sami Pelton, Mike Griffith, Kari Johnson, Kristin Kratz, Peg Gust, Gary Anger and guest Julie Olson.

Recognition-

- Custodial Staff for summer preparation
- Office Staff for summer preparation
- Cub Scouts for summer watering
- Kristen Henning for website work
- Noty and Cathy from PW for work with K-Plus kids

District Issues (Julie Olson-Director of Elementary Ed.)

Should school start times be changed?

Multiple scenarios were shared with the Site Council pertaining to starting high schools later based on research done by District 196. Members shared their opinions and the general public will be allowed to give thoughts in the future. More information is available on the district website.

Should we add world language in elementary schools?

The group discussed the benefits and possible issues surrounding this topic. Questions including when would this instruction occur and which languages would be offered were discussed. Again, more public input will be sought on this topic.

School Calendar Options

Many issues relating to the future school calendar were discussed. These issues included a late Labor Day for the next 2 years, the length of winter break, the timing of spring break and the timing and length of fall conferences.

No Food Treat Policy

The group basically reviewed the decision-making process on this new school policy and talked about how it is going so far this year.

Enrollment

Current enrollment numbers were shared with members. Future projections were briefly discussed.

Survey on PTO Fundraisers

The Site Council has volunteered to conduct a survey on community thoughts on fundraisers following the PTO fall fundraisers.

Website

The new Red Pine website was mentioned and members were asked to give input on what they thought about it.