

**Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent
November 20, 2013**

Parents: Parents attended representing 17 schools - 12 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 high schools.

Executive Team/District Staff:

Superintendent Greg Baker
Deputy Superintendent Mike Copland
Assistant Superintendent Steve Clarke
Assistant Superintendent Ron Cowan
Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations Tanya Rowe
Director of Teaching and Learning Trina Hall
Director of Teaching and Learning Charisse Berner
Whatcom Middle School Principal Jeff Coulter

Note Taker:

Sheri O'Day, Executive Secretary to the Department of Teaching and Learning

Welcome:

Joanna Nesbit and Trish Walton welcomed the group and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Superintendent's Update and Pressing Questions:

Dr. Baker passed out note cards so that anyone who has questions as the meeting is in progress can write them down and he will address them.

Dr. Baker thanked those in the room who helped with the passing of the bond two weeks ago. He then introduced Ron Cowan to talk about next steps with regards to facilities.

- The first step will be to sell bonds. The first portion of bonds will be sold in December 2013, and proceeds from the sale of those bonds will be used for projects over the next 36 months.
- The first round of projects will be improvements at Lowell (by fall 2015) and Parkview (by fall 2016); trodunt
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- 4th grade math and language arts seem to be below what used to be taught in 4th grade. Are the CCSS in math “higher or lower” than previous standards? (Answer: higher).
- It appears that more emphasis is put on non-fiction as opposed to fiction.
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