

Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent (PACS)
Key Communications

Elizabeth Walther & Jon Junell (co-chairs)
Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023

Sunnyland Elementary School

Each school has two representatives on this committee.

Welcome and Introductions

Co-chairs ó Elizabeth Walther led the group in introductions and a brief icebreaker.

Sunnyland Tour

PACS toured the new Sunnyland Elementary School that opened in fall 2022. Some comments and highlights included the new inclusive playground, natural daylighting, full-size gym, dual language signage and architectural reflection of the neighborhood. Dr. Baker shared how grateful he is for such a supportive community to help support building outstanding facilities and spaces for our students and extended community.

Superintendent's Update

Budget development: Dr. Baker shared that we are in the midst of budget season, and we are waiting to hear how much money the state has in its revenue forecast, which impacts how much funding there is for preK-12 by the legislature. As we have shared, we anticipate budget challenges for next school year. [Dr. Baker filmed a Q&A](#) to help answer common questions we are hearing and how our schools could be impacted.

Other updates: [Chef Ann Cooper](#), also known as the renegade lunch lady, helped influence and inspire our district to revamp and improve our food services program with the development of our Central Kitchen. Chef Ann recently visited Bellingham, and shared that our district is a model. She brought representatives from districts across the country to visit schools and learn more about our process and journey.

Topic: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Requirements :

Chief Operations Officer Jessica Sankey, Director of Health Services Kim Niederhauser and Kulshan Middle School Assistant Principal Nikki Lockhart presented on comprehensive sexual health education (CSHE), our

Related to CSHE is social emotional learning. Caring Schools Community is our social emotional learning (SEL) curriculum used in our elementary schools. RULER is SEL curriculum for middle schools.

Next Meeting: 10: 30 to 12 p.m. March 16, 2023, location TBD (watch email for details)