

WOODLAND SCHOOL

School Council Meeting
Convened at 4:05 P.M

Minutes – Thursday, October 24, 2019

4:00 P.M. Meeting – Woodland School Library

SECTION I:

A. Attendance

- P Kimberley Saso, Principal
- P Noëlle Duquette, First Grade Teacher
- P Kathleen Irwin, Kindergarten Teacher
- P Beth King, Ell Teacher
- P Sharyn Antico, Parent
- P Brenna Comee, Parent
- P Laura Doyle, Parent
- P Christopher Garvey, Parent

B. Public Comment: None

C. Minutes	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
	<u>SA</u>	<u>KS</u> <u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	

SECTION II: Discussion Items

- A. Some feedback from parent Council members concerning the grade level newsletters was provided. The members still question if parents find this format useful.
- B. Council members viewed a webinar presented by Matt Larson, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics President. In the webinar, he presented ideas from his book Balancing the Equation: A Guide to School Mathematics for Educators and Parents, which promotes a balanced math curriculum that simultaneously develops students’ conceptual understanding, computational fluency and problem solving while focusing on emphasizing the “how” (procedural), the “why” (conceptual) and “when” (application). Matt stressed that in 2028, 65% of students who graduate high school will be in a career that does not exist today and for this reason, students need to know how to think, problem solve and understand. New research has led to new instructional strategies and in students learning multiple related methods to build conceptual understanding. The students must learn how to persevere and learn from mistakes.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:18 P.M.

MOTION: KS; SECOND: SA; VOTE: For: 8 Opposed: 0