

# Appleton Citywide Parent Network Meeting

Jefferson Elementary

Attendees: Jill Georger (Houdini/Einstein/West), Susan Hurteau (Jefferson/Odyssey), Lisa Hoffman (Highlands/Odyssey/West), Mark McQuade (Wilson), Sheree Garvey (District), John Cuff (Classical/North), Troy Blake (Edison), Tober Moderson (Jefferson), Lori Leschisin (Jefferson)

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

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## Review of 2014/2015 school year accomplishments - Jill

- A document was shared highlighting the accomplishments of Citywide and the SPEAK board last school year. That document can be found on our website at [appletonparents.com](http://appletonparents.com).

## Open Secretary and VP positions - Jill

- The Secretary position for Citywide is currently open due to a resignation. Also, we continue to have an open VP position. Ideally, the VP position would be filled by someone interested in taking over the President's role. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Jill Georger at [jageorger@gmail.com](mailto:jageorger@gmail.com).

## Topics of Interest for the 2015-2016 School Year - All

Attendees split up into groups and discussed topics that are of interest collectively for parent groups across AASD. Here are the results of that discussion:

- **Connecting our schools and parent groups together (pre K - 12)**
- **Continue discussion on Standards Based Practices / Progress Reporting:**
  - AASD considering doing a conversation cafe at each middle and high school similar to what was done with Citywide last Spring
  - Employability Skills - what are the quantitative outputs?
    - *Elementary Level:*
      - What is common language for parents and teachers for math and ELA?
      - Extending new language and expectations to learning at home
      - What does that learning look like?
      - teacher practices
    - *Middle/High School Levels:*
      - Career/Life Skills
      - Grading for Learning
      - What are the next steps/future plans?
      - teacher practices

- **Academic Career Plans (grades 6,8,10)**
- **Work-Based Learning (changed to Career-Based Learning based on feedback)**
- **Book Talk/Article Talk - staff engaging with parents**
- **New AASD website feedback/input**
- **Information sharing/Participation at the Elementary/Middle and HS levels**
  - LEAP - flyer distribution - do standards need to be revisited?
- **Parent groups connecting with staff - how to be the most successful / best practices for working collaboratively to communicate with the school community**
- **Increased sharing of what is going on at other AASD schools**
- **ChromeBooks - guidelines, restrictions, etc.**
- **Snack Policies**
- **How can the involvement of under-represented parent/family groups increase?**

American Education Week - Lee Allinger

- a push to get non-parents aware of what is going on in public schools as they are a large part of the total community
- see attached handout
- Goals:
  1. applaud our community for their support of our public schools
  2. get more non-parents involved in our schools
- every school is working on a special activity for November 18th at their school
- A request was made of Citywide to support the purchase of stickers for ALL AASD students that say "I love my school" to be worn on 11/18. A motion was made to provide \$500 to AASD for the purchase of the stickers. A voice vote was taken and

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the motion passed unanimously with 6 yeas and 0 nays. (By-laws state that 5 members constitute a quorum for voting).

- There was conversation around input/ideas for community business involvement. Some thoughts were for parents to bring a neighbor or for businesses to have posters stating, "this is our neighborhood school".