



**SLT Meeting Minutes | October 27, 2015 6pm | Called to order at 6:05 pm**

**Attendance:**

Scott reed  
heather moss  
michele pittman  
patricia gilbert  
sylvia moras  
charity prelipp  
laubarbara helm  
jennifer taylor  
traci hani hou  
mary casey  
carla haughton  
candice mcwhirter  
erica schofield  
lindsey farrow  
lori sullivan  
krista marshall  
marsha mullins  
alison busch  
alicia hash

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. School Board Member Eric Davis was present.

Chair, Erica Strong Schofield introduced the newest Kindergarten Parent Representative for SLT. Leisel Sullivan was elected to SLT in October.

Eric Davis addressed the group and answered questions. He covered the following topics:

-Student Assignment: The School Board will vote in November on a limited expansion of magnet offerings. It would increase the number of choices for parents. He shared a potential vision of a new Student Assignment plan that focuses on dividing the city into 4 quadrants and giving more choice within each quadrant. Example: Each quadrant would have a choice for IB, STEM, language immersion, fine arts, etc. Parents would have the option of choosing one of those schools or choosing their neighborhood school. He said the following school systems currently use a similar approach: Montgomery County, MD, Seattle, Hartford, CT, Forsyth Co.

-Superintendent: Mr. Davis is not in favor of starting a Superintendent search. he would like to see Ann Clark's contract extended until a new Student Assignment plan is devised. Once the new school board members are in place, they will take a vote on if and how to move forward with a potential Superintendent search.

-Busing: He described two types of busing. One is the act of transporting our children to school via school bus. The other is the use of race to assign students to schools and then bus them there. He is not in support of busing students to schools based on race as an answer to the schools who have a high concentration of at-risk kids and kids living in poverty.

Mr. Davis is also now on the State School Board and sits on a task force that will address Student Learning and Achievement. He challenged the idea of eliminating standardized tests but wants to improve what we have.

Mr. Davis left the meeting after his business on the agenda.

Ms. Grimm gave an IB Update. Run 4 Change raised over \$1200 and was a great event. All classes have now completed their first unit and had character assemblies and House meetings.

Ms. Haughton encouraged parents and students to track reading at home. She also discussed the testing that has taken place this school year and how teachers are using that information to target their teaching to individual students.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Fae Shaffer, Cotswold SLT Secretary

