

**Membership:** Jozie Hoodenpyle (absent), Kirsten Stout, Debbie Murphy, Jodie Schoolcraft, Linda Chapman, Samantha James, Peggy Stewart, Michelle Abernathy, Jeannie Hayden, Sebastian Sanchez (absent), Holly Poradun, Taylor Marquart

**Meeting Dates:** October 1 and December 10, 2009; February 4 and April 22, 2010.

**Purpose of Site Council:** Share information and discuss school issues and procedures. Involve stakeholders in school improvement process.

Topics to be discussed	Information/Notes	Next Steps
<b>Welcome new members</b>	Parents: Jozie Hoodenpyle and Kirsten Stout Students: Holly Poradun and Taylor Marquart	
<b>Share ideas for a Site Council Project to be accomplished during the 2009-2010 school year.</b>	<p>The group discussed ideas for possible projects in which the site council could engage. Ideally projects would need involvement by the various representative groups.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergency Procedures and Communication Update – After further discussion, we agreed that a committee (not site council) would work with Ms. Abernathy on this task.</li> <li>2. Strategic Plan – While details still need flushing out and assessment measures created, the site council was more excited about #3.</li> <li>3. Empowering students as leaders, involving more students in service.</li> </ol>	<p>The site council enthusiastically supported the idea of figuring out ways to empower more students to take on leadership and service projects within school and the community. As one part of this effort Samantha James agreed to restart the Builder’s Club which is the middle school branch of Kiwanis. The benefits of connecting with Kiwanis include potential collaboration with high school Key Clubs and the WWU Circle K Club. Parents and student leaders can certainly contribute to this endeavor. The site council talked about rotating Builder’s Club meetings between before school, lunch, and after school so that students with varying schedules and modes of transportation can participate.</p> <p>During the October 12<sup>th</sup> staff meeting, staff can discuss ideas for potential projects and recruiting a diverse group of students.</p> <p>Teachers can also consider ways to support this effort within their classes and teams.</p>

<p><b>Strategic Plan Draft</b></p>	<p>Mission: All students in the Bellingham School District will be prepared for College, Career and Citizenship. Our purpose is to prepare students for high school and post-high school education and training, to be successful in the workplace, and to thrive as healthy citizens.</p> <p>Review draft strategic plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Questions, concerns, suggestions?</li> <li>➤ Ideas for measuring progress?</li> </ul>	<p>The Site Council read through the draft document and made a couple minor suggestions. More details and assessment measures will be added to the strategic plan over the course of the year.</p>
<p><b>Early Release Professional Development Plans</b></p>	<p>Differentiated Staff Development Plan based on needs and interests. Includes small groups focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Web Tools: Engaging Families in Student Learning</li> <li>❖ Using Science Probes to Increase Engagement</li> <li>❖ Love and Logic: Classroom Applications for Motivating Students</li> <li>❖ Book Study: <u>Ahead of the Curve</u> (Assessment Practices)</li> <li>❖ Book Study: <u>Reading Interventions for Struggling Students</u></li> <li>❖ Accelerated Learners: Integrated Math/Science Extensions</li> <li>❖ Accelerated Learners: Integrated SS, Language Arts, and Art Extensions</li> <li>❖ Interventions and Extensions: Learning Lab</li> <li>❖ Common Practices, Technology and Assessments in World Music</li> <li>❖ Socratic Seminars: Developing Critical Thinkers</li> <li>❖ PE/Health: WWU Partnership &amp; Curriculum and Assessment Revisions</li> </ul>	<p>Staff members will develop their small group plans and get started during the October 5<sup>th</sup> early release time.</p>
<p><b>Parent and Student Report PTSA Liaison/Report</b></p>		<p>Site Council students and parents now know that each site council meeting will include time for them to bring up issues including celebrations, questions, and concerns. They are also welcome to email JHayden ahead of time to possibly place items on the agenda in advance of the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Other</b></p>		