

Summary of Save Our Schools (SOS) Meeting
Friday, February 15th
Gayle Hickey's Residence

Thank you all for taking time out to attend one of our gatherings to discuss the Northshore School District (NSD) budget shortfall and school closure impact. It was quite evident by the turnout that we are concerned parents that want to make sure all options/directions have been looked at.

Our purpose for this gathering was to get organized and find areas in which all community members could participate. Our primary intention was to facilitate discussions. If you sat at one break-out table, but realize that you can lend expertise in another area, please do. Open discussions will only lead to better conclusions and analysis.

Our initial Steering Committee was formed by four parents that decided to move on this issue, rather than sit back and wait for the changes to be handed to us. After this large gathering, we will put together a larger group that encompasses leaders in the areas of: Marketing/PR, Research, Legislative, Transportation, PACE, Website, Speakers and Multi-Purpose Volunteers. These leaders will be reaching out to the volunteers and delving into their specific areas in the days to come.

Below are upcoming meetings in the community. We would like Wellington/NSD presence at these meetings. By attending in large numbers, with many repeat faces, the NSD Board will recognize the strength of Wellington, as well as any other schools that join with us. We want this to be a positive, but influential impact.

Some important upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, February 19, 7pm	City Council Meeting/Woodinville
Saturday, February 23, 10am-noon	Town Hall meeting, Woodinville City Hall
Monday, February 25, 7pm	SOS Planning Mtg, Hickey's House
Tuesday, February 26, 7pm	NSD Board meeting, NSD Admin Bldg
Thursday, February 28, 7-8:30pm	Public Info. Meeting, Canyon Park JH cafeteria
Wednesday, March 5, 7-8:30pm	Public Info. Meeting, Leota JH cafeteria
Tuesday, March 11, 4pm	NSD Board Meeting, NSD Admin Bldg
Tuesday, March 11, 7-8:30pm	Public Info. Meeting, Kenmore JH cafeteria
Tuesday, March 25, 7pm	NSD Board Meeting, NSD Admin Bldg
Tuesday, April 22, 7PM	NSD Board Meeting, NSD Admin Bldg

There has been a website established that hopefully will be able to facilitate information as we receive it, to summarize meetings, to host questions and concerns to take to the NSD school board and as a general sounding board for concerned parents. The website is: www.NSD411.org.

Where to next? Next we will meet on 2/25, 7pm, with all interested parties, at Gayle Hickey's house to put together our focused presentation/questions for the next NSD board meeting on 2/26. This meeting is vital to make sure we are portraying that positive but focused group. Hopefully we will have some follow-up from our sub-groups as well.

As for questions, please utilize the budget@nsd.org email mentioned in the NSD budget video. Questions and comments sent to this address are shared with every NSD board member as are the answers to those questions. Conversely, if you send an email to one specific individual, your questions and any answers will not automatically be shared with anyone else on the board and might not be counted. Volume will make a difference here. If many people send in their questions and comments (we encourage a professional approach) the Board has to listen. We elected this board; they represent us.

We have less than ninety days to change the School Board's decision. Only by our hard work and getting the word out, can this be accomplished. Please remember if you only have one hour to give or 50, all your time spent helping counts! If you know of other parents that would like to help in anyway, please have them contact us!

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