

**SEPAC Minutes 5-11-09**  
Submitted by Steve Taylor

Members Present:

Ramsey Graham  
Denise Keating  
Bev Barkus  
Amy French  
Sheerie Slatton  
Aaron Stanton  
Steve Taylor  
Bonnie Kennedy  
Elmira Sines  
Larinda Hopkins

1. Introductions
2. Group discussed minutes from 3-23-09.
3. Peer Buddies update and continued discussion: Aaron shared that Keri Marquand, Principal of Westwood, is actively seeking a 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and a family to commit to instituting peer buddies next school year. The hope is to have it expand into more classrooms year after next and then spreading it to other schools in the district. SEPAC group members are very excited by this occurring next year. Ramsey is looking for people to put together the peer buddies paperwork (books, question and answer documents, permission slips, etc) to help Westwood get the info out to families. She intends to do a work party this summer. She will contact Aaron or Keri for protocol questions with permission slips, etc. Ramsey asked if there was a lesser version of peer buddies for grades K-2. Bonnie asked if peer buddies could expand to Thunder Mtn and to the high school. It was stated that Peer Tutoring is a program aimed at our older students. With this pilot beginning at Westwood, parents are eager for it to expand to more students. Aaron suggested that people get in touch with the school counselors as a resource also.
4. Westwood parking lot update: Aaron discussed the changes. Delivery van will move to the south parking spot which is currently a striped off section. The 3 spots next to the gym and that face north will become designated areas. Signage will be coming soon, weather dependent. Special Ed buses will load and unload on the playground to begin next school year which will help with the parking lot issue at bus arrival and departure time. Westwood will be looking at rerouting the student drop off and pick up for next school year, too.
5. Special Education Resource Library: Housed at Westwood. Steve is waiting for the inventory list to be compiled and will get it out to members of SEPAC and to the special education website. Steve will inquire as to how parents can check them out if they don't have an Enumclaw library card.
6. Meetings discussion for next school: debate centered around daytime meetings vs. evening time meetings. Group decided for Monday evening meetings from 6-8 p.m. for next year. Look for dates on the new flyer that will come out in August.

The group will look into finding dedicated child care per Ramsey and her subcommittee. Look for dates on the new flyer that will come out in August.

7. Training opportunity: Ramsey will email folks about a free training opportunity, June 6, time and place forthcoming, on negotiating and communicating parental needs with school teams. Ramsey and Aaron will talk about how to get CEU's or clock hours.
8. Bylaws discussion: Aaron described the SEPAC processes. SEPAC acts as a conduit for families to discuss issues with the school district. Ramsey wants to look at our bylaws and compare them to the state bylaws and bring it back to the group for further discussion and determine whether bylaws are even a required aspect of our committee.