

Pearson Elementary  
SIP Minutes  
March 22, 2017

**Introductions:**

Jennifer Murphy, Teacher  
Keith Niedbala, Teacher  
Julie Kamen, Teacher  
Becky Rapp, Parent  
Tracy Williams, Parent  
Rosenda Lazcano, Parent  
Erica Bledsoe, Parent, PTO liaison  
Gina Breslin, Teacher  
Kim Dancer, Principal

**SIP purpose:**

We reviewed the Shared Involvement Guidelines. SIP members received hard copies of this document. Mrs. Dancer made note of two things:  
The Pearson Elementary Mission Statement will be developed with all stakeholders during the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Dancer will draft a preliminary budget for 2017-18, and the SIP committee will review at the next SIP meeting.

**Mascot selection:**

The committee reviewed the names of mascots that had been suggested by the community, along with the reasoning that had been presented for each. After a lively and lengthy discussion, the committee chose the mascot "Pioneers." Reasons included:

- ~Building is named after Dr. Pearson and his first teaching assignment was at Pioneer Middle School.
- ~School is built on land previously owned by Elkow Farms. Elkow Farms used Pioneer seed for their corn.
- ~Pioneer means: someone who helps open a new line of research or technology or art.
- ~Synonyms for Pioneer are: groundbreaker, innovator, trailblazer.

It was decided that 3-5 logo ideas would be shared at the April 26 Meet and Greet, and all stakeholders could vote for their favorite at that time.

**Pearson Meet and Greet:**

A meet and greet for all Pearson stakeholders will be held on the evening of April 26, 2017, at SLHS. SIP members will introduce themselves at the Meet and Greet on April 26. Mrs. Dancer will send out an electronic communication about the agenda/plans for the evening.

**Future meeting dates:**

The SIP will meet on April 19 at 4:30 at Kent Lake Elementary. Next year's meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m. The schedule of dates will be determined before the start of the school year.

**Additional Items:**

Mr. Niedbala inquired about the playground and what equipment would be available. Mrs. Dancer shared pictures of possible playground equipment.

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