

South Lyon Community Schools
Citizen Committee Minutes
June 8, 2015
5:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Michele Lurz - Board member

Kim Dancer- Kent Lake principal

Lori Davis- Kent Lake teacher

Ann Randolph- Kent Lake teacher

Kari Meyers- Kent Lake parent

Craig Poet- Kent Lake parent (Via conference call)

Emily Hudgens- Former Kent Lake student/ Sophomore SLHS

Emily Testani- Bartlett principal

Tracy Williams- Dolsen parent

Lindsey Kauserud- Dolsen teacher

Cindy Orendach- Community member

Don Beagle- Community member

Maureen Altermatt- Millennium Middle School Principal

Melissa Baker- Deputy Superintendent

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comments- None

Review of Policy and Board Motion-At the June 1, 2015 Board meeting the Board approved a motion to form a committee to review a proposal for the renaming of Kent Lake Elementary to William A. Pearson Elementary for the Fall of 2015. Per Board policy 7250 Commemoration and Naming New Facilities, the committee is to be made up of school staff, Board member(s), parents, a student and community members.

Committee Discussion-After much discussion, the committee is recommending the renaming of Kent Lake Elementary to William A. Pearson Elementary effective the Fall of 2015. The committee believes this is an honor that is well deserved, as Dr. Pearson has provided leadership and stability as our Superintendent for 20 years. His commitment and vision has resulted in South Lyon Community Schools being one of the best performing school districts in the State.

There were questions about the option of naming a new building verses renaming Kent Lake Elementary. The committee members found that renaming Kent Lake would be the most appropriate honor. The committee believes that it is important to be able to bestow this recognition on a timely basis and felt that there is great significance in renaming a building that had been built, with much personal input during the process by Dr. Pearson, during his tenure as the South Lyon Community Schools Superintendent.

The committee did discuss the importance of honoring the history of Kent Lake Elementary while supporting and seeking input from stakeholders during this transition time. Once there is Board approval, Principal Kim Dancer stated that she will be forming a committee of staff, community members, and students to review current traditions while forming new traditions; to honor the history of Kent Lake; and to plan for the dedication this fall.

Public Comments- None