

## Burroughs Site Council Meeting – October 27, 2015

The State of the School was presented to the group by Tim Cadotte. The State of the School is prepared and presented annually. Highlights from this year's presentation:

- Theme of the Year – GRIT
- Current enrolment is 767 students, down from last year
- School Improvement Plan
  - Advanced Differentiation Specialist Coordinator hired this year
  - Testing (MPA MCA) goals
  - Climate – Attendance and tardy goals.
- Burroughs exceeds Minneapolis and State wide average on test results

### Fall For Burroughs Auction Overview

- Saturday, November 14
- Review of last years revenue
- Overview of last years plans
- Ask for volunteers and use of school iPads for the event

### Afterschool Activities

Currently, after (or before) school activities are coordinated through the Principals office and require a substantial time commitment. Commitments include managing classrooms and space for the activities managing student activity attendance and approving groups.

Currently approved groups include Spanish, Birders, Band and Orchestra, Ukulele, French, Destination Imagination, Active Solutions, and Chess. Each group requires space in the building. The teacher who uses that room volunteers classroom space, usually afterschool. Teachers are often hesitant to let groups use their rooms as they are often not left the way they were found, in addition to not having use of the room themselves for planning and prepping the next days work.

The discussion was prompted by a request for an economics club to be developed and run by a parent volunteer. The discussing focused on who gets to be a club in the school, how many clubs can effectively be managed within the school, a possible limit on the number of clubs

available and how they would be chosen, and a discussion about club sustainability.

A proposal was moved to recruit a Activity Coordinator from the PTA to help manage the approval of clubs and to move some of the management responsibility away from the principals office.

The Tardy Policy was moved to November meeting.

Remaining meetings for the 2015-16 school year are:

November 17, 2015

January 26, 2016

February 23, 2016

March 22, 2016

April 26, 2016