

**Waite Park Community School
Site Council
Agenda
3-6-17**

Purpose: The purpose of the Site Council shall be to represent students, parents, staff and community interests in the decision-making process governing the affairs of Waite Park Community School. Each council member represents the entire Waite Park School community and works toward the common goals and mission as stated in the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Norms: Be present through active listening and respectful participation, speak your truth with grace, respect time, work collaboratively, be productive, make data driven decisions. Experience joy and have fun.

Topic	Notes/outcomes
Welcome	Delay in budget being released, still getting it all put together and waiting for some questions to be answered from various district people.
Budget review	Staff budget presentation will be presented tomorrow (3/7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocated 2.5/2.5 (will have a 4/5 grade split), target class size was reduced to 28 instead of currently 32 – 2 4th grade classrooms, 2 5th grade classrooms, then one 4/5 split. • Overall budget has been reduced from the 2016-17 school year. • (ref budget chart): Several tenths had to be taken away from certain categories; Basic Per Student, Comp Ed, Media, SPED SERT, Bought up .3 teacher to keep class sizes evened out, teacher salary increases. Up SPED Citywide, Title 1, SEA total ~ about \$65k less than 16-17 school year • Making soft cuts so that this is least disruptive for the building • Each category (budget chart) must stay within each category (ie: account), not allowed to shift the numbers around. • Down a bit on Title 1, based on our ELL & Free/Reduced lunch numbers. • Reading & Math specialists were cut city-wide, for money to be reallocated to keep class sizes

	<p>small.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Survey Results: Sent out in several Weekly Updates and to Waite Park Staff, PTA, etc Rdg/Math Specialist low on the priority, however this position was cut district-wide. Diff. Specialist/GT/Title 1: Very important Band during school: not as a high priority, after school seems to be fine to survey takers so we are shifting this to the after-school program. Will work with ComEd to make sure it is still available, and keep the costs down to keep it equitable and affordable. Waite Park Community Council might be able to help out with this. Applies to 4th/ 5th grade. • The district will continue to look at these numbers every year, specifically the 4/5th grade class sizes and allocate accordingly year-to-year. We will be supporting the 4/5 split strategically as we realize this is a more challenging position. • Still waiting for a few answers from the district regarding a few questions that remain regarding allocated money.
Leadership profile	Pushed to April 17 th Site Council
Next meeting March 20 th	Final Budget presented to Site Council 4-5pm, staff in the morning at optional budget meeting. One additional meeting on April 17 th to finalize the School Improvement Plan.