

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE STUDENT ROUNDTABLE SPECIAL MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 4, 2020 1:15-2:15 p.m.**

Linkage Attendees:

- Third grade students from Carl Cozier Elementary School
- Directors present: **Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Katie Rose**
- Superintendent of Bellingham Public Schools **Greg Baker**
- District Leadership and Staff: Deputy Superintendent **Mike Copland**; Assistant Superintendent **Steve Clarke**; Executive Director **Kristi Dominguez**;

6. What are some of the things we could be doing differently to help you or your friends?

At the end of the small group time, Dr. Baker asked each table group to share briefly about their small group discussions. Following is a summary of responses to the guiding questions:

- When other people help me, either a friend or family member, I feel helped.
- Strategies for problem solving include asking for help, rock/paper/scissors, talking it out, walking away and taking turns.
- One problem that we need help from adults with is bullying, especially on the playground.
- School is a place to practice what you want to do when you become an adult. We would like more opportunities to help animals and we miss Common Threads.
- Things to look forward to in middle and high school are having a laptop, getting a
- We feel loved at school when friends stand up for us or help us when we get hurt (friends helping friends).
- classrooms, bathrooms and cafeterias in middle and high school, as well as more homework and harder math.
- When we grow up, veterinarian.
- a new building; chocolate milk in the cafeteria; fixing the short toilets; better equipment; more soccer balls and basketballs; and more reading time.
- ; reading; P.E.; library and math. We miss our P.E. teacher, Mr. Christy.
- Things that make me feel loved are when people are glad to see me, and when someone falls off of the bars and a friend helps them to get up. It seems like older kids care more about each other than the younger kids do.
- There is some fighting and swearing at school.
- Occupations that interest us include being a veterinarian; a driver of boats, trucks and trains; an athlete; a blacksmith and a you-tuber.
- Students in middle and high school get to drive cars, have phones, get donuts on Friday and play tackle football.
- We would like to have pets at school.
- We like seeing our siblings at school.
- ; donuts instead of bagels; and we
- We want to be scientists, inventors, engineers, doctors and a Mack truck driver. I want to go to Harvard and be a teacher at Harvard teaching art and engineering.
- We solve problems by talking them through with each other, asking adults to help and using the [wheel of choice](#).
- In middle and high school there are tests every day; school is harder; and there are vending machines and donuts.

- We would like vending machines with healthy snacks; outdoor spa treatments; a new building; a robot science program; and ladders on the bars for kindergarten students. Also, more equipment; real classroom walls, not moveable walls; and kids should get Promise awards.

Dr. Baker thanked everyone for being here this afternoon. Student voice is important and helps the school board and district determine how to make things better.


Mr. Benjamin also thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Approved:



Douglas Benjamin, School Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: March 25, 2020