



- Mountain School – Can the curriculum that is being taught at Mountain School be taught at Gordon Carter at a reduced cost?
- Family Engagement – What is the District’s vision? What happens across the district with conferences?
- Common Core vs. Measurements of Student Progress – Concern that last year teachers were teaching common core math, but it did not align with the Measurements of Student Progress, so students did not learn in class what was needed for the test. Are there misconceptions about Common Core?
- Aligning homework with grade-level expectations. In the past, there have been pamphlets available for parents that contained information about how parents can support students at home. Is teaching aligned enough to provide this districtwide?
- Recess – Playworks for Elementary. What is the purpose? What is it?
- Alcohol/Drug Prevention. What can be done to prevent the number of emergency room visits?
- Highly Capable Learners (HCL) Program - Update.
- Special Education – If this was talked about early in the year, what are the goals, plans, projects in connection with Special Education. If covered later in the year, perhaps an update.
- Middle School Gradebook – Is it possible for the gradebook to show when a “4” is available?

The Co-Chairs will send a survey to committee members to see which topics the committee members would like to focus on this year.

Rachel Williams asked if anyone would be interested in helping with a “School House Talks” (collaboration among PTAs) in the spring. The typical feedback is that it should happen more often, but it does take a lot of energy and planning. Rachel will bring it up in January to see if a committee can be formed for a spring event.

### **Superintendent s Update**

Dr. Baker welcomed everyone to this first meeting o

- One Schoolhouse Philosophy: Dr. Baker spoke to the One Schoolhouse philosophy in The Bellingham Promise: We're part of a school system and community that takes care of all

**Bellingham Schools Foundation Update by Gennie Clawson Executive Director**

- The school grant program will be in place again this year, and more information will be shared this fall. Someone asked for an example of past school grants. Some of those are