



**NENC Board Meeting Agenda
November 7 – 6PM**

University of Puget Sound, located in Thompson Hall, Room 193

- I. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda—started at 6:05. Agenda adopted.**
- II. Introductions & Welcome—Welcome to all. Chris, Jim, Anders, Jen, Jordan, Erik, Kyle, MJ, Peggy, Jonathan, Justin**
- III. Citizens’ Opportunity to Comment --none**
- IV. Approval of Minutes -- approved**
- V. Presentations**
 - A. School Principal’s Forum—just Jon Kellett from Jason Lee in attendance. He began with an introduction about his background. He’s been making some improvements since he’s been there. It’s an Improvement School because it was in the lowest 5% in the state. He called it an opportunity gap. Lots of free/reduced lunch. He feels more pride from students and more community support. Up to 500 enrollment. More came from Lowell and Grant than in the past. They have a restructuring plan. AVID school. Trying to become a nationally recognized school for AVID, like with Cornell Notes and college prep. They’re big on structure. They’ve worked with Tacoma 360 to help get wraparound services. They hosted community meetings at Jason Lee. They have 30 individuals and community groups working to partner with the school. They want mentors, especially for boys. The glass art program is a big one. Allen Renaissance in the Hilltop is**

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trying to renovate a building to have an education spot during the day, and they have great plans but not enough money yet for everything. They have some faith-based stuff that helps with things like physicals and support for homeless kids. They have around 30 homeless kids. They do need help with traffic safety at the big intersection. Crossing guard question came up. They do have a security guard, but kids will cross at many points. He wants teachers to teach to standards rather than to tests. They try to loop with the kids, which means teachers follow kids. They saw some gains this way. He said you have to hire well to make a difference, and they've had a lot of turnover in the school. They're starting steel drums this year—student life is a focus as well as. Enrollment has gone up, and capacity of 750 would be too high. They have uniforms. They increased class time by 15 hours this year. He welcomes visits during operation. Here's his e-mail: jkellet@tacoma.k12.wa.us.

VI. City Council Comments--none

VII. New Business

NENC Board Election Issues—Kyle explained the missed dates in the by-laws, and we talked about mail and when we would have an election. Jonathan is concerned about credibility. He thinks we should follow the process, but in a different time frame or go with an appointments process. Justin moved that we go ahead with the election. He pointed out that if we cancel the elections, we look like an insider's club. There was some disagreement. Jordan said we would not get better involvement or participation if the vote were postponed, and we cannot afford to send new cards. He also said he would prefer to elect Board members over suspending the rules and appointing them. It's down to having elections that are close to what the by-laws expect or having an appointment process. Justin, Kyle, Erik, Jordan, Jen, Anders, Jim, Chris in favor of the election. Opposed is Jonathan, Peg and Mary Jo. Election is next week at the substation.

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VIII. Old Business – We can't attend the Human Services Commission meeting, but Kyle will send some notes.

IX. Adjournment

7:05 PM

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