

SWNI Committee Report – December, 2011

Date: 12/20/11

Committee: Schools

Committee Member Name: Will Fuller

*Promoting the BEST possible schools
for ALL children in Southwest Portland
through STRONG neighborhood involvement.*

Current Issues (selected):

See also swni.org/schools

- **“State of Our Schools”** survey is in the hands of principals of 22 schools in the area: 10 public and 12 private. We have already received a few back, and will do interviews and followups after the holiday break. It will be interesting to hear what effect budget and program changes are having.
- **Good Ideas” forum** is online at http://swni.org/forums/swni_committees/schools to solicit creative ideas for school support. You have to log on to the SWNI website to share ideas. Schools matter, whether or not you have children in school ... they spend more than any Portland City bureau, and are a major factor in where families locate. As a city coalition, we can make a difference in our schools. (Thanks to Michael Reunert for this initiative)
- **Rebalancing school boundaries** is taking place in North/Northeast Portland
- **Bullying** is a growing problem in schools. Look for a forum on this important topic later in the year.
- **Recruitment of committee members.** Please **designate a NA rep** to either come to meetings or act as liaison between the NA and the overall schools issues in the SWNI area. Still need reps for over half the NAs. **Don’t have to have kids in school to serve– schools affect all of us, in our wallets, in our future and in the appeal of our neighborhoods.**
- **Survey re school issues** **Call Will at 503-764-5501 to answer by phone** If you want a Schools Committee member to come to your NA meeting, please let Will know.

No Action Items

Announcements

No December meeting.

Next meeting: Thurs, January 19, 7PM at the SWNI office.