

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Zoom Meeting
1065 Fir Street
Darrington, WA 98241

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Dave Holmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Larry Boyd, Jennie Requa and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Larry made a motion to approve the November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting and December 4, 2020 Special Meeting Consent Agendas. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Jennie made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- COVID intensifying feelings of anxiety and depression; ready for a break to rest, relax and recharge
- Picture day was a success with 56% overall attendance; retakes sometime in January

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- We currently have 77% of our students receiving special education services receiving those services on-site. 13 of our students are receiving them while they are here on-site for general education (PK-2). We have 8 students who have been offered on-site services that are not taking advantage of that opportunity.
- Our Special Education percentage this month is $76/396 = 19\%$
- There is a real push from the state to lower students LRE (least restrictive environment) which is recorded as percentage of time students spend in the general education setting. We (as a system) are currently overserving students in special education in some categories such as ELL and some eligibility categories such as Other Health Impairments and SLD (specific learning disabilities).
 - The state claims that 80-90% of students with an eligibility code of SLD could be served in the general education classroom with supports. They are asking us to work toward getting more students into LRE code 1 where students are spending 100-80% of their time in a general education setting.

- Our SpEd count (P223H) is now split into two categories Tier 1 (those students with an LRE code 1) and Other Tier (any other LRE code). In October of 2020, our Tier 1 percentage was at 53% in November 2020, our Tier 1 percentage was 61% so we are moving in the right direction. As we are renewing IEPs we are really looking at how much time students really need to be pulled out of the general education setting for services and support.
- Tracy and I are working with the ESD and have procured three separate grants one each for the elementary, middle, and high school to support Inclusionary Practices – serving students with special education in the general education setting. The professional development for the rest of the school year will be on Inclusionary Practices – what they are and how to do it. The grant money will pay for professional development, release time for the team at each level, and the purchase of books for book studies on UDL – Universal Design for Learning and other inclusionary practices. The intent is for us to build a foundation with all staff, a more detailed in depth look with a small team at each level, and hopefully start implementing some of the practices in a limited capacity next school year.

Elementary School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Some Pre K-2 families have chosen distance learning
- 15% of grades 3-8 packets aren't picked up; teachers trying hard to reach out
- Staff and students are working hard and ready for a break
- We're using K-5 supplemental curriculum called Studies Weekly, magazines that are easy to get in the hands of our students
- Looking at alternative science curriculums that are distance-learning friendly for second semester
- Social emotional learning materials purchased through Snohomish County; Character Strong for grades 6-8 and Purposeful People for K-5
- Grades 4 and 5 making swags with GPI in greenhouse following physical distance protocols
- Read Aloud Night in January via Zoom; will break out into break out rooms for shared reading
- Poetry Night is scheduled for April
- Staff think a 15-20-minute recess is needed for students
- Dianne Green and Mrs. Porch made 30 aprons for the 4th grade class and their cookbook project; students chose favorite recipe and wrote on why it's important to them; shared recipe and photo of themselves in aprons

PSE:

No Report

DEA:

Dyanna Armony reports:

- Asked about plans to fill school board vacancy; Dave said it was an agenda item

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment is hovering on the budget line; hoping to keep steady
- January apportionment will be updated based on enrollment numbers
- Fund balance trend is holding steady; don't want to bank too much on savings
- Waiting to see what legislature and enrollment does
- Governor's budget coming out Thursday; deficit lower than expected

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

McKenzie said there were no comments submitted

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

McKenzie said there were no comments submitted

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 Administrative Structure:

Larry made a motion to approve the Superintendent/Principal position for the 2020-2021 school year. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

School Board Director Vacancy:

McKenzie will post the open position #4 in the newspaper for 2 weeks by December 21 with a January 15 deadline to get applications in. Interviews will be held on January 26, or before. The position will be filled by roll call vote.

Agreements and Contracts:

None

Personnel Actions:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- The two-week case rate is up (448 from 426) but at lower rate, hopefully this indicates a bend in trajectory.
- While most school systems that are open for students have had a case, none have had a secondary transmission to date. Kids are less efficient transmitters for COVID.
- Guidance has not changed. High need learners and K-3 continue, and plan to come back in early January with the same services as before. Recommendation is to monitor cases for 3 weeks in January before adding additional grades.

- Our NWB athletic league is planning a single spring season, lasting 7 weeks, with practices starting on 4/29, and games starting 5/5, consisting solely of the spring outdoor sports. Since these sports didn't have a season last year, they would be the first to be played.

Board Comments:

Marree attended GPI board meeting focusing on their website; will check out DSD's site after meeting

Dave mentioned the GPI article in the Herald, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and good New Year. He thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed his thanks to staff

Executive Session to Evaluate the Qualifications of an Applicant for a Position:

At 7:17 p.m., Dave Holmer announced that the Board would go into executive session until 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., Dave Holmer announced that the executive session would be extended for an additional thirty minutes. At 8:28 p.m., Dave Holmer announced that the executive session would be extended to 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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