

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

TUESDAY February 22, 2022
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30PM

Call to Order:

Jennie Requa called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Larry Boyd, Janet Loyd, Randy Hayden, and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Jennie called for the approval of the consent agenda. Janet made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Jennie called for approval of the regular agenda. Janet made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda with the amendment to change item S from action to further discussion, Larry seconded. Motion passed 4:1, with Janet, Larry, Marree and Jennie voting yes and Randy voting no.

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School Report:

- 2nd semester is off to a great start!
- Last Friday, the director of Sno-Isle Skills Center was out to talk to our kids about program opportunities there. Lots of student interest!
- This Friday, Anne from the RAP (Regional Apprenticeship Program) in Marysville will be out to speak to our students about what their program has to offer.
- ASVAB score interpretations will be Monday, March 2nd at 9AM.
- College visits/presentations and FAFSA nights are in the works.

Special Programs Report:

Cindy noted that she will present an in-depth special education report under agenda item N.

K-8 School Report:

- The first Spelling Bee since 2019 will be held in the gym. Parents will be allowed in the gym, and the students will watch through google meet.
- Greenhouse activities with GPI are in full swing!
- Middle School Girls' Basketball and Wrestling has started.

Superintendent Report:

- The mask mandate is set to end on March 14th, we will receive guidance the week of March 7th to assist in the transition and to clarify key points.
- The Levy passed! At 58%. All precincts voted to pass the Levy.
- A housing affordability meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24th at 7:00PM through zoom – set up by the Town of Darrington. Chris Collier will be sharing information.

PSE:

No report.

DEA:

DEA is grateful to the community for getting the school levy to pass! And very thankful to McKenzie and Tracy for all of their hard work on the levy as well.

Student Representative:

- End of basketball activities, we had a great season!
- We had three students make it to state for wrestling! Aksel placed 3rd and Landen placed 4th.
- Baseball and softball to begin next week!
- We are having some events in the near future to solidify the culture and increase the spirit!

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

On page 20 and 21 of the board report, you can see on the enrollment summary that there has been an increase compared to last year. On page 22, you can see on the chart that the trend looks a little unusual - this is due to the start of the transitional kindergarten class and getting their full FTE. On page 23, the fund balance is as expected based on previous trends.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

McKenzie read an email from a community member which stated that they believe bodily autonomy is a human right and requested that the board leave Covid-19 vaccinations as a choice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Update –

Larry made a motion to approve the policy updates including 1815, 1822, 1825, 2108, 2195P, 2420, and 3115P. Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Update – 1st Reading

Members encouraged to read policies/procedures 6970, 6970P, 6800, 6220, 5520, 5520P.

Review of School Safety Procedures:

Tracy stated that she would like to thank Randy Hayden for coordinating the recent safety meeting. Tracy met with Sheriff Fortney and other safety personnel from Snohomish County last Thursday. We also had a deputy from Sauk-Suiattle and two members of the Fire District. They walked around the outside and inside of the buildings while they took notes, they will be providing us with suggestions in the next week or so.

The safety committee met and reviewed district policy, questions and notes were documented. There are a couple of things we can begin to work on immediately: window covers for classroom door windows that are missing; checking contents of backpacks (ex. Batteries for flashlights) - One thing noticed during their walkthrough was that some room numbers on the outside of the building above windows are old/faded and/or don't match the room number that's inside on the door. We will be replacing/updating these in the near future to create consistency inside and out of the building. Drew Bono from the Fire District offered reflective classroom identification plaques to go outside of each classroom. Tracy will work with him on ordering them.

Special Education Report:

Cindy noted that the district is working on inclusionary practices for integrating special programs students into the Gen Ed classrooms with supports to be with their same aged peers – the goal is to have the least restrictive environment for these students 80-100% of the time. Studies show that most (80-90%) students with a disability category of Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) are able to be academically successful in the general education classroom with supports. Meaning, they don't need to, and shouldn't, be pulled out into a "resource" room setting.

She explained that 32/73 or 44% of our students with disabilities fall under the SLD category – this is typical of most school districts. – Compared to 53% in October 2020, and 61% in November 2020.

Cindy concluded by stating that we still have a lot of work to implement the "just right" supports for our students with disabilities to be successful in the general education setting, but we are definitely making progress!

Athletic Department Report:

Tracy reported that wrestling season ended with 3rd and 4th place medals coming home from the State Tournament. This year we had about 10 wrestlers.

For High School Basketball we had 17 girls, and 17 boys; Middle School had 15 boys. We had 4 cheerleaders.

Middle school wrestling and Girls Basketball has started. High School fastpitch and baseball begins this week.

Alternative Education Report:

Tracy reported that for the year, a total of 19 students have participated in ALE, with 28 courses being offered.

Currently:

	Active	Non Active
Elementary	3	3
Middle School	4	2
High School	3	9
	10	14

Current enrollment has reached a maximum of 10 and closed for the remainder of the year. Students meet with Dyanna Armony once a week, elementary and middle school parents meet with her as well. Older students meet with her without parents. However, once a month mandatory meetings with both the students/parents are required.

Certificated Staff Teaching Out of Endorsement:

Janet made a motion to pass the certificated staff teaching out of endorsement for Cindy Christoferson, Ray Franke, Dustin Baldwin, and Kati Gladsjo on page 43. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Overnight Travel – Athletics:

This action item is to give permission for sports teams to stay overnight for any tournaments and/or if a team goes to state – we do not get notification that they may have to stay overnight until around two weeks before the date(s) that they leave, so this is preliminary approval. Larry made a motion to approve the overnight travel, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 425-02-22 Board Opposition to Mandatory COVID Vaccinations:

This agenda item was changed from action to further discussion during the approval of the regular agenda. Randy submitted the resolution stating that the board opposes mandatory COVID vaccinations. He believes the district should be proactive in this as parents in the district have expressed their concern that the school may require the COVID vaccine, he asked do we wait until the state makes it a mandate or can we be proactive? Janet explained her opposition to voting on the resolution at this time. She asked if we would do this with every vaccination that may come around? She said that it's not necessary as the COVID vaccinations are not required by the state at this time. Marree agreed with this and noted that many parents have come to her with opposing concerns saying that the school should mandate the vaccination.

Tracy explained that there are five vaccinations that are currently required for all students that parents can get exemptions for, so if it is mandated by the state for the COVID vaccine to be required there will likely be exemptions available just like for the others. At this time, there is not a requirement for a COVID vaccination for students. For the vaccines that are currently required, there are exemptions available for all (except MMR which the legislature changed in 2019). As we have noted during the various COVID mandates, to receive our state funding, and to be covered by our insurance, we must be in compliance with the state laws and regulations.

McKenzie read an email of questions from Shelli Devall that she did not see before the meeting. The questions and concerns were read aloud and McKenzie noted that she and Tracy would respond to the questions via email. McKenzie stated it's always OK for the community to reach out to Tracy or herself or any of the board members with any questions they may have.

Gifts to the District:

ACME Homes made a monetary donation of \$1,000 to go to the high school girls' basketball ASB. Larry made a motion to accept the gift to the district. Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

None at this time.

Personnel Actions:

None at this time.

Board Comments:

Randy stated that he is disappointed in the COVID vaccine resolution and that he thinks we are not doing the people a service. He inquired if we have a WSSDA and legislative rep as there are meetings they have that districts send a representative to – McKenzie said she will look into this and Marree stated that she attended two years ago and that we need to get back into it to advocate for the district.

Marree also said that she has questions on the resolution and thinks that there is a disconnect. She encouraged the community to attend the town housing affordability meeting that will be over zoom.

Randy also said that there is pending legislation regarding recording board meetings and it may become a requirement.

Jennie is happy the weather is good and that new sports are starting soon!

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.



Board President



Date



Superintendent



Date