

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

**TUESDAY November 22, 2022**  
**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30PM**

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**Call to Order:**

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

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Regular Agenda:**

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

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**PSE:** PJ Wieferich shared that the IGA donated pizza boxes for use as drums in music classes. She also noted that there have been many staff members out with illnesses recently and it's been difficult, but PSE members have pulled together to make sure all of the absences are covered.

**DEA:** Shawna Brown shared that teachers are preparing for the drama production in March. She also updated the board on the upcoming science and math curriculum adoptions. She said that they are currently getting input from teachers and they are excited to pilot a new math curriculum.

**Student Representative:** Breanna Monteith shared that the ASB held a food drive competition and donated 328 pounds of food to the Darrington Food Bank. The senior class won the "Turkey Cup". Breanna also noted that the DHS volleyball team took 8<sup>th</sup> place at state this year. The ASB is planning for some fun holiday activities soon, including a cookie decorating kit fundraiser that is being organized by FCCLA.

**High School Report:**

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Student conferences went well. Attendance was higher during our Arena style conferences.
- Mrs. Brown met with several families in regard to FAFSA applications
- Field trip to Sno-Isle's Open House was well attended the kids were excited and many completed their applications that night. Shawna and I are offering another field trip to the

Regional Apprenticeship Pathways program in Marysville on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January. After which we will start looking into scheduling some college field trips.

- We finished up the YouthTruth Survey last week with a final completion rate of 81% of high school students responding. We should have the results/final reports in early December.

### **Special Programs Report:**

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Special Ed Rate –  $68/424 = 16.0\%$ 
  - Down a SMIDGE from last month
  - Expect to see a rise in the numbers as we did our first Child Find on the 17<sup>th</sup> with another one scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Lots of referrals – enough to require a second session, low participation on the 17<sup>th</sup> due to the crud!
  - November Federal Child Count Report has been submitted
  - Special Education Personnel Report has been submitted
    - 6.35 FTE – Paraeducators and teachers
    - 3.91 – OT, SLP, School Psychologist
  - Special Education Determination came back – meets criteria in all areas for the fourth year in a row!

### **K-8 School Report:**

Tracy Franke reports:

Conferences provided opportunities for families, students and teachers to discuss student progress and areas for support. From the count I received we had about 75% of our families participating. This is a bit lower than what we've seen in the past.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Tracy Franke shares:

- Kevin Hines - November 4th - Assembly for 5th - 12th grade students was well received. The evening event open to families and public was well attended with almost 70 people in attendance. DSD hosted a pizza and salad dinner prepared by our Food Service Staff. This was sponsored by Stilly Valley Health Connections. We had counselors on hand for both the day and evening event.
- This month has seen an increase in student and staff illness. We have been reporting the percentage of students out to the Snohomish County Health District. They use the information for their data collection. We have increased our cleaning and ventilation in the buildings.
- Advertising for Transitional Kindergarten should go out this week with job postings to follow.
- One of Shawna Brown's duties as a TOSA this year is to lead the adoption process for Social Studies 6th - 12th grade and Math for K - 8th grade. She will share where we are in the process.

### **Financial and Enrollment Reports:**

McKenzie Boyd shares that enrollment has gone down again in November, but seems to be levelling off now. Enrollment is still well above budget. The final August 31, 2022 fund balance is \$1,109,006.72.

McKenzie also shared excerpts from the district's year-end financial statements (F-196 report) and answered questions from the board.

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

None

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Board members discussed policies 2402-2407P as listed on the agenda. Randy Hayden shared that he ran for school board because he wants to see students succeed and he's concerned that these policies give students too many chances to fail a class and still receive credit. He also stated that one of the major reasons students drop out of college is that they aren't prepared academically. Cindy noted that SBAC testing has been used as a route to graduation for years and the students are still required to demonstrate mastery of the subject matter. Tracy shared that the district works with students in elementary and middle school to prepare them for the rigor of high school classes. She also noted that alternative routes to graduation are not offered to students as a first option and that sometimes life circumstances can impede a student's ability to complete a class. Marree shared that she thinks these policies help to humanize students and recognize some of the major challenges students may face. Janet noted that the goal is to demonstrate subject mastery.

Janet Loyd made a motion to approve policies 2402-2407P as listed on the agenda, Larry seconded. Motion passed with Marree, Larry and Janet voting yes, Randy voting no.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**School Improvement Plan Approval- K-8**

Tracy Franke shared the K-8 School Improvement Plan. She shared information about K-8 test scores and the plans to help students meet benchmarks moving forward. Randy Hayden made a motion to approve the K-8 school improvement plan, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**School Improvement Plan Approval- High School**

Cindy Christoferson shared that the HS School Improvement Plan 2022-2023 has four goals. Two math, one reading, and our standard 95% participation rate for state testing.

- Focuses on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Uses the MAP tests as measurement of growth
- Math goals based on the instructional areas of:
  - The Real and Complex Number Systems
  - Geometry
- Reading is on increasing overall proficiency

Randy Hayden made a motion to approve the HS school improvement plan, Janet Loyd seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Curriculum Planning Report**

Shawna Brown shared information about the planning for the upcoming curriculum adoption. She noted that Ready Math and Envision Math are the top two options for K-8 math at this point in the process. The district is currently using Engage New York at the K-8 and Envision at the High School for math. The curriculum adoption committees are also reviewing options for a new 6-12 grade social studies curriculum. Shawna mentioned that parents will be included in the curriculum committees and she has also reached out to the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe for input. She noted that board policy for curriculum adoption will be followed when the committees reach that point.

### **Athletic Department Report**

Tracy Franke shared:

The fall sport programs led the year off with success.

- Our Middle School Volleyball program had 11 players, which provided a lot of playing time for the players. The highlight was beating Friday Harbor on their home court. They were coached by Sue Howard.
- Middle School Boys' Basketball is just about to wrap up. There are 14 players Gavin Gladsjo is the coach for this team.
- High School Cheer had 4 dedicated students with a mascot joining at the end of the season. Josie Bradley and Shelby Stafford had their first season of coaching.
- Football had a successful season with 22 players. The head coach was Shane Wright and the assistant coach was Jason Anderson. Mason McKenzie was a volunteer coach.
- Our high school volleyball team had a total of 22 players total this year. As you know they persevered and brought home the 8th Place Trophy! They were ranked 19th going into the tournament. They beat Crosspoint in the pig-tail match to move forward. They lost the next match to Mary Walker who was ranked #3. They went on to beat Pomeroy (ranked 11th), then Grace Academy to get into the 7th/8th place match. They lost to Neah Bay who entered the tournament ranked #8. I am proud of their determination and accomplishments this season. They were coached by Lisa Wright and assistant coach was Lily Ross.
- We are proud of all our athletes and how they represented DHS during this first round of competitions.

### **School Board Self-Assessment**

Janet Loyd made a motion to table the school board self-assessment until all board members are present, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Gifts to the District**

Gifts to the district can be found on page 38 of the board packet. Larry made a motion to approve the gifts to the district, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agreements and Contracts:**

Agreements and contracts can be found on page 39 of the board packet. Randy made a motion to approve the agreements and contracts, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Personnel Actions:**

Page 40 of the board packet shows the personnel actions. Randy made a motion to approve the personnel actions, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board Comments:**

- Randy asked if there had been any progress in implementing the 'Lunch with a Deputy' program. Tracy shared that the deputies have been coming to the school for lunch quite often.
- Janet shared that the Skagit Library board met and is getting ready for their renovation.
- Maree said the Colors of Fall event was great.
- Larry noted that Larry Coleman cleaned the boiler at the high school. He also recommends that we keep the heat at the community center low.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

  
Board President

  
Superintendent

  
Date

  
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