

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Elementary Library
1085 Fir Street
Darrington, WA 98241

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019
REGULAR MEETING: 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: Jennie Requa, Marree Perrault and Sheila Sisney.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Marree made a motion to approve the September 24 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- We have slipped into a steady rhythm at the high school
- 135 students enrolled as of October 1
- Not in My House event scheduled for Thursday to help raise awareness for parents as to how and where kids are likely to hide alcohol, drugs and other paraphernalia; put on by Youth Dynamics, Snohomish County Health Department and Sherry Nachlinger
- Para Educator trainings began on 18th with online and professional development

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- 82 students (19%) in Special Education as of October 1
- 11 students in Speech only
- 23 students Pre-k-5
- 45 students in grades 6-12
- Hopeful Discovery student will return to Darrington in next month or so

Elementary:

Tracy Franke reports:

- TESLA High School visited today
- 4th and 5th grade classes had wonderful educational experience at Darrington Ranger Station's Seed Orchard last Thursday guided by GPI and Forest Service staff
- Second year implementation of National Geographic reading program going well

- Cheri Noble, Sandi Tucker and Amy Gobroski introduced and taught GLAD to certificated staff and Para Educators
- September's Family Night was successful with programs on display in gym
- LAP funds will be used to hire another Para Educator to support struggling students

PSE:

No Report

DEA:

Dyanna Armony reports:

- 4 students attended CWU Open House Saturday; toured residence hall and were given swag bags
- Trips planned within next month to WWU, ECC, and SVCC
- Read letter voicing concern with under staffing, over enrollment in classes and teachers teaching out of endorsement areas; commended administration for making efforts toward solutions

Student Representative:

Steven Colson reports:

- Students report 6:00 a.m. Saturday departure time as reason more didn't attend CWU Open House
- Spirit Week was very successful; more dressed up than last year; ASB sponsored daily activities
- Homecoming dance attendance was high with 104 tickets sold
- Science Club earned \$191 at bake sale; monies to be used for beaker purchase
- Each classroom doing different activities 4th period during Halloween extravaganza
- Drama Club on hiatus due to low numbers
- 11th grade groups not blending

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment for October up compared to October 2018
- Enrollment trend above budgeted although 8 students may be leaving
- No financial report given; closing out 2018-19 school year
- Expenditures close to 8% goal

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Larry Boyd voiced his frustration over what he feels are staff-related problems with the boiler, citing figures from the District's fuel bills and savings of approximately \$23,000 from 13,000 less gallons of diesel burned between 2016 and when he began boiler work. Dave told him that this is the wrong arena for personnel or personality matters. Buck thanked Larry for all of his help and greatly decreasing the fuel consumption.

Eileen Jones read a letter from Kim Wiersma expressing her concerns over class sizes and behavior problems as well as suggestions for hiring more staff. Dave asked that an update on specific steps to address these things be on the November agenda.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Out of State Travel:

Sheila made a motion to approve the Miscellaneous Leave for Dr. Marsh's travel to Colombia in November. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Student Advisor to Board:

Buck welcomed Steven Colson as the student advisor to the Board.

2019-20 Highly Capable Annual Plan:

Marree made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Highly Capable Plan which will be done by the end of October. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum Planning Report:

Buck explained that the ELA/Math curriculum is solid with plans to look at gaps and age of remaining curriculum after the Strategic Planning work is completed.

Gifts to the District:

Marree made a motion to accept the gifts to the district listed on page 50. Jennie seconded. Sheila recused herself. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- Had a scare with a student during football trip to Naselle; expect a full recovery
- Hopeful to put best game on field at Friday's game with Taholah
- Thanks to Steven for his commitment and great things he does for the school
- Thanks to Ms. Armony for her continued leadership with DEA and letting him know of issues with membership
- Looking forward to next steps at Saturday's Strategic Planning meeting beginning with 8 a.m. breakfast

Board Comments:


Dave asked how many Board members would be attending the Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday. 3 of 4 members will attend. He asked members to put the Board Activity Calendar on their refrigerators so they'd know what was coming up. He asked members to take the paper with the Board-approved goals and asked McKenzie to put them on the District's website. He said the Board agreed the wording revision on Procedure 4220 was acceptable with the addition of concerns with the Superintendent wording. He said the Board would be having a conversation with Dr. Marsh regarding his two goals.

He asked McKenzie what steps need to be taken to fill the vacancy on the Board. McKenzie said they needed to set a date for interviews in a public meeting, discuss candidates in an executive session, then appoint the new member. October 30 at 6:30 PM was agreed for the interview meeting.

Marree said the kids did a great job getting ready for the Mystery Dinner Theater taking place this Saturday at 6:00 PM in the Community Center dining hall. Tickets can be purchased from Steven Colson or on Round Table.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.



Board President



Secretary to the Board

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