

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

TUESDAY November 23, 2021
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.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members:

Jennie welcomed and introduced the new board members, Randy Hayden (position 4) and Janet Loyd (position 5).

Election of Chair:

Marree nominated Jennie for role of Board Chair. Janet seconded. Roll call vote: Randy, yes; Marree, yes; Larry, yes; Jennie, yes; Janet, yes. Motion passed.

Election of Vice Chair:

Larry nominated Marree for the role of Vice Chair, Janet seconded. Roll call vote: Randy, yes; Janet, yes; Larry, yes; Marree, yes; Jennie, yes. Motion passed.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Special Programs Report:

Enrollment is around 18-19% and two students have been exited from speech services.

High School Report:

- Cindy reported that their "Holiday Fun Day" events have been very successful with boosting morale and raising spirits through the different activities and stations they've created.
- Advisory has also been going really well on half days.

K-8 School Report:

- November's SEL (social emotional learning) focus has been gratitude, and during the week of December 6, students in grades 3-8 will be participating in the Youth Truth Survey.
- Ms. Sanchez has supported the recognition of Indigenous People's Month with the art work displayed in the hallways.
- Veteran's Day was recognized and celebrated through classroom lessons and activities.

- Students are composting lunch scraps with help from Chef Amy and GPI, along with helping students harvest tomato seeds to plant in the spring.
- Mrs. Wiersma's class participated in a live virtual tour of the State Capitol, asking questions, and learning about the branches of government. They participated in a virtual presentation with the WA State Voter Outreach Coordinator. She shared a slide show explaining the path of a ballot once it is mailed, and how it is verified and counted.
- Students are utilizing our new school counselor. A teacher has noticed students are much more focused on learning when receiving counselor support. The counselor has also connected students to our counselors from Stilly Valley Health Connections

Superintendent Report

- Larry Coleman has transitioned very well into his new position, as have our new chef, Amy Belknap and Chuck Neidigh in IT.
- Transportation has been going well with Toni doing her magic in the scheduling department. There have been a few days we needed to have a double bus run, but it's been helpful having more drivers.
- In the area of technology, we purchased a program that allows teachers to monitor, in the moment, what students are viewing on their chrome books. Teachers can also restrict what sites students can access during class time.
- Youth Truth Survey will be sent to staff and families on November 29th. They will have until December 17th to complete. Communication will also be sent home to families with students in grades 3-12 informing them the students will take their survey the week of December 6th.
- We are trying to determine the need for a Transitional Kindergarten Program. It is a program for students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2022 and are not in a preschool program this year. This is a state-funded program, but we need to ensure enrollment to cover the costs.
- Darrington School District and Sno-Isle Libraries have established a partnership to give students automatic access to public library resources using their student lunch number in addition to a library card that a student may already have. To enable the use of a student lunch number as a Sno-Isle student account, Darrington School District will share basic student information with Sno-Isle Libraries. This complies with the FERPA, and no other information will be shared. Parents were sent information to opt-out of this program. They can opt-out, or in, at any time.
- Two parents contacted the district with concerns about students being questioned about their vaccination status. It was discussed with them that the district did not condone the questioning of students and it was not the intent of the activity. We appreciated the opportunity to talk to the two families and hear their concerns, and clarify misunderstandings.

PSE:

No Report

DEA:

Teachers wanted to share that the smaller class sizes are helping us to accelerate learning and build better relationships with students.

Student Representative:

No Report

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

- McKenzie Boyd reported that enrollment was down for October, but we are starting to see the trend return to normal years' numbers, and we are still well above budget.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Update –

Larry made a motion to approve the policy updates including 3245, 3245P, 4040P, and 5404. Janet seconded. Larry, Marree, Jennie and Janet voted in favor of the motion. Randy abstained. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members encouraged to read policies/procedures 2190, 2190P, 2409, 2409P, 2410, 2410P, 2413, 2418, 2418F, 3120, 3120P, 3122, 3122P, 3131, 6000, 6000P, 6106, 6112, 6220, 6220P, 6225, 6230, and 6600. McKenzie noted that policy 6512 and 6512P should have said 'deleted' rather than 'revised'.

School Improvement Plan Approval:

Larry made a motion to approve the district-wide school improvement plans, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum Planning Report:

It was determined that High School Science and Health are in need of new curriculum. The district would also like to meet with staff and the community to go over state requirements and get further input as there is funding available for updating/expansion. Tracy plans to have students hit standard by May.

Athletic Department Report:

- Linn Brooks is doing a phenomenal job at keeping everything regarding sports in line, whether it be scheduling the buses for pick-up/drop-off or keeping the coaches' requirements in check.
- High School Volleyball is going to state!!!!!!
- Tracy stressed that student athletes are students first and are still expected to be doing well in all of their classes and she is working with their teachers to ensure that.

Resolution 424-11-21: Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy:

McKenzie presented an informational slideshow regarding the upcoming levy, it will be shown at events for the community to better understand and discuss the process and what exactly their vote would mean for them as an individual and the district as a whole.

Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 424-11-21. Randy seconded. Roll call vote: Randy, yes; Janet, yes; Larry, yes; Marree, yes; Jennie, yes. Motion passed.

Gifts to the District:

Larry made a motion to approve the gifts to the district on page 106, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

Larry made a motion to approve the agreements and contracts on page 107, Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Actions:

Larry made a motion to approve the personnel actions on page 108, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

- Larry said that Gavin Gladsjo is doing a great job working with archery and collaborating with the community center.
- Randy and Janet said they are happy and excited to be here with the board, and to please bear with them as they adjust into their new roles.
- Marree said happy holidays and welcome to the new members!
- Jennie said welcome to the new members

Adjournment:


Chair Jennie Requa adjourned the meeting at 8:14PM.



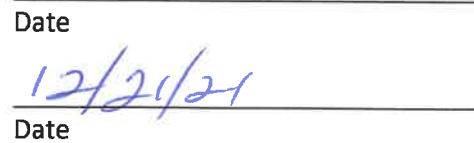
Board President



Superintendent



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