

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

TUESDAY December 21, 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, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

Special Programs

- Cindy was excused from this meeting; she will have a multiple month report at the next board meeting.

High School Report:

- District Wrestling is currently postponed and the tournament has been cancelled due to outbreak at several schools. There will be testing available three times a week for the student athletes when they return to practice.

K-8 School Report:

- GPI worked with the K-8 students to make presents for their family members and brought them along nature walks through the archery range.
- CogAT screening has been completed for grades 2, 5, and 8. We will review these scores along with other district data and recommendations we receive to determine if further testing needs to be completed.
- The food service program was approved for the Safe School Meals grant, this will allow them to purchase equipment that assists with social distancing, sanitation, and safe food handling.

Superintendent Report

- As it will be a requirement in the next school year, we are moving forward with planning for the return of an academic counselor for the high school. These duties have fallen between Cindy and advisors and are a lot to take on, the return of the position will alleviate and will help us towards our goal of achieving a 95% graduation rate.
- Transitional kindergarten is on track to start before the end of January. Even if the enrollment is a little low, it's worth it to make the program work due to discrepancies between children

entering kindergarten who have been in some form of Pre-K program compared to those who had not. We are anticipating to receive half of the allocation for the program which should cover the cost of hiring the instructor.

- **Strategic plan update:**

Key transition points identified:

- Preschool to Kindergarten – Supporting the transition with Kindergarten visits, supporting staff observing in classrooms, start of Transitional Kindergarten

- 5th to 6th grade – Middle students provide a “survival kit” for 5th graders. They visit classrooms to provide tips and answer questions.

- 8th to 9th grade – Middle school students get a tour of the high school in June. Before school starts, they participate in orientation day.

- 12th Grade and Beyond Plans are developed through middle school into high school. 13 Year Plans are developed for students with IEPs and support is provided.

Strategies :

Implemented district wide assessments again with Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) 1st – 12th grade. The historical data we receive from the reports provides a continuity throughout a student’s schooling. The data drives the academic support we provide for students.

DEA:

Cory reports that they have been applying for various grants, they were awarded an Amazon Future Engineer program in partnership with the Project STEM grant that will allow them to purchase related items for their curriculum. They have also contributed to the “friends of the levy” committee to help gather and relay information to the community regarding the upcoming school levy. He said he is satisfied with their progress so far and is glad they feel listened to and appreciates the respectful and open conversation.

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

- McKenzie Boyd reported in reference to pages 26 through 29 of the board meeting packet- When comparing previous year data to recent, you can see we are in a good position now with the trend looking great, and we are still above budget for enrollment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Update –

Larry made a motion to approve the policy updates including 2190, 2190P, 2409, 2409P, 2410, 2410P, 2413, 2418, 2418F, 3120, 3120P, 3122, 3122P, 3131, 6000, 6000P, 6106, 6112, 6220, 6220P, 6225, 6230, 6512, 6512P, and 6600. Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marree stressed the importance of the implementation of the academic counselor for the high school as there is a lot of needed, necessary work to help our students be on track with their career intentions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members encouraged to read policies/procedures 3112, 3112P, 3414, 3414P, 3418, 3418P, 3432, 3432P, 3535, 4300, 4300P, 5202P, 5253F1, and 5610P.

Surplus of Technology Equipment:

In reference to page 67, there is a surplus of equipment from the technology department. The district will sell any items deemed of value at a public sale, the rest will be taken to the recycling plant down in Arlington. Janet made a motion to approve the surplus of the equipment, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Gifts to the District:

None.

Agreements and Contracts:

Larry made a motion to approve the PSE letter of agreement regarding COVID (copy of agreement is on district website), Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Actions:

None.

Board Comments:

Larry shared that the annual cleaning of the boilers is done and Larry Coleman is doing a great job in the maintenance position. Jennie said that she is sad that some of the wrestling matches have been cancelled.

Executive Session:

At 7:10 PM, the board moved into executive session to review the performance of a public employee for an estimated 30 minutes. At 7:38 PM the board extended the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. At 8:00 PM the board returned from executive session.

Adjournment:

Chair Jennie Requa adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.



Board President



Date



Superintendent



Date