

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

TUESDAY January 25, 2022
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30PM

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Marree called for the approval of the consent agenda. Larry made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Janet 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

High School Report:

- Second semester began today – There are a few students returning to in-person instruction from the ALE program. We also have two new students enrolling this week coming from Snohomish. They will start on Monday as Snohomish's semester ends this Friday.
- 4 students are credit deficient to the point that they will be unable to graduate this year. This has been communicated to these students and their families. One student is new to us this year, the other three have been here since their freshmen year, but have been severely impacted by COVID or are students who have extenuating circumstances. 3 of those 4 are within the 18-21 program staying with the district.
- 12/34 of seniors are on track to graduate but cannot fail any classes for the rest of the year. Randy questioned what the district is doing to support these students. Cindy emphasized teachers want their students on track to graduate and are working individually to meet the needs of each student
- 15 are on track and will finish up their required courses this year; one foreign exchange student who will walk with the class but will not be receiving their diploma from DHS.
- It is a tough job to manage the academic counseling piece along with my other job duties. There is always that fear that I am going to miss something. The two senior advisors, especially Ms. Clarke, really help me out. However, I think of what we could do if we had a dedicated academic counselor at the high school. We could really solidify the high school and beyond plan as well as have the opportunity to provide more college/career guidance.

Special Programs Report:

- As of January's count day we are at 18% (76 out of 413).
- One new student is enrolling with an IEP this week.

K-8 School Report:

- We will be bringing in a dyslexia screener, which OSPI is requesting each district in grades K-2 to complete.
- DIBELS Fluency testing is almost completed for grades K-5. This Data will also be used for our Dyslexia Screener. From this data, we will determine which students need interventions.
- Imagine Math is a program we're using to assist students in need of additional help as well as give excelling students additional challenging work.
- We have been on hold with GPI for the first few weeks of January, but we are beginning outdoor activities again and appreciate the collaboration that we have with them.

Superintendent Report:

- Transitional Kindergarten to begin Wednesday January 26th. There are 10 students enrolled in this program giving us the full 1.0 FTE! We are very excited about this program, it will be beneficial for the families and students – especially with helping align them with the ECEAP students when they return for Kindergarten in the fall.
- Chef Amy worked to complete the Farm to School Grant. With this grant, Amy is able to establish relationships with local farms gaining access to local fresh produce. Amy has also been doing “try day Fridays” where students are introduced to a fresh fruit or vegetable that they may have not had the chance to try before.
- Consistency in the plowing and clearing of the snow and ice helped ensure that we could have students move safely around the grounds. We appreciate the extra work and attention in making this happen. We also sought out help from Washington Compost to assist in plowing the Community Center and the Bus Barn Parking area.
- In anticipation of another possible snow storm in the coming weeks, we will be working on marking curbs for better/more efficient snow removal.
- A vent on the high school roof was damaged during last snow storm, it is in the process of being fixed. The heating system is also being worked on, Apollo is coming up next week to assist.
- For transportation, we now have 3 bus routes, down from 4. We appreciate Ms. Howard stepping in to help when needed. We also look forward to other members of the community getting trained to be drivers.
- In Athletics, we are making it through the season. We have had to have some students quarantine and isolate, but have enough players to continue playing.
- COVID wise we have been able to keep classrooms open, with a few adjustments made as needed. We have been doing a lot of community testing on most mornings Monday through Friday, as well as some times in the afternoon at the Community Center weekly.
- Friday was an early release for teachers completing grading. Monday was used for professional development, and work on our inclusionary practices.
- We are working with Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force and have planned a training for all staff on an early release day in March.
- Tracy is working with county and local organizations to ensure that the families that live past the Skagit County line are taken into consideration with the expansion of the broadband move up Hwy 530. This includes Snohomish County Councilman, Nate Nehring and State Representative Carolyn Eslick.

PSE:

No report.

DEA:

DEA would like to thank the school board for their service!

Student Representative:

- Everyone had a great winter break - excited to be back and transitioning into the new semester and getting used to the schedule changes.
- Homecoming/spirit week excitement!

Financial and Enrollment 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 fund balance trend looking good, and we are still above budget for enrollment.

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 3112, 3112P, 3414, 3414P, 3418, 3418P, 3432, 3432P, 3535, 4300, 4300P, 5202P, 5253F1, and 5610P with the following changes to procedure 5610P:

Strike letter D in the first section and letter E in the second section. Add “as requested by teacher” at the end of the sentence.

Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Update –

Members encouraged to read policies/procedures 1815, 1822, 1825, 2108, 2195P, 2420, and 3115P.

District Strategic Plan Update:

- We want to keep moving forward with the strategic plan and avoid any stagnancy.
- Planning on collaborations with North Counties and the DJAA to provide extracurricular activities.
- Working with the clinic guild of Darrington to possibly help provide families with additional epinephrine pens if needed.

Gifts to the District:

Randy made a motion to approve the gifts to the district on page 44, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

None.

Personnel Actions:

None.

Board Comments:

Larry asked if everyone thinks COVID will be ending soon.

Janet thanked students for the Board Appreciation Month signs that were hanging in the library.

Marree wanted to shout out Chef Amy for the Try Day Friday emails – exciting to see and looks forward to them weekly!

Adjournment:

Marree Perrault adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.



Board President



Date



Superintendent



Date