

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

TUESDAY April 26, 2022
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: Janet Loyd, Randy Hayden, Larry Boyd, and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

PSE:

No report.

DEA:

DEA is happy that the district is keeping all certificated positions, and that the calendar vote for the 22/23 school year is completed.

Student Representative:

No report.

High School Report:

- We are gearing up for next school year! DEA has voted on a 6-period day and we are working on what our master schedule will look like for next year as well as working on getting course requests from students.
- We have 13 students that were interested in Sno-Isle Skills Center, 10 of which were accepted into their programs of choice. Some programs include video game design, criminal justice, medical assisting, fire service, aerospace, diesel tech, auto tech, culinary arts, advanced manufacturing, and welding. We typically have around three to four students who decide to stay at the high school when the schedule is released in the fall.
- We have two students who have applied and been accepted at the RAP (Regional Apprenticeship Pathways in Marysville). This is a fairly new program that supports the

construction trades – framers, plumbing, electrical, etc. and they work with students to provide apprenticeships post-graduation. Students who attend two years of programs like these will have met the CTE graduation pathway.

- We have several students who have expressed interest in participating in Running Start and College in the High School for next year. Linne Clarke took several of our juniors and seniors on a field trip to Everett Community College and AMTEC (which is EvCC's Advanced Manufacturing Training and Education Center) this month. They really seemed to be intrigued by these options. Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, we hope to get these types of college visits on the calendar in the fall for next school year.
- Ms. Clarke and Mr. Roberts are working hard to get the seniors ready for their senior presentations. Invitations for the panelists went out today. If you know of anyone that is interested, please have them contact Judy Pater at the high school and she would be happy to get you that information. Senior presentations are set for May 16th through May 18th.
- The dreaded senioritis has hit hard this month, as it always seems to do after spring break. We have identified several seniors who are going to need a real extra push to get through these last few weeks of their senior year. We have meetings set up with the parents of those students who are the most at risk.
- We have a total of 28 seniors. 23 will be receiving diplomas and 25 will be walking in the ceremony. We have one foreign exchange student who will not be receiving a diploma, and one student with special needs who will be receiving a certificate of attendance since this student had not met the minimum Washington State graduation requirements.

Special Programs Report:

- We have 71 students with IEPs, putting us at 16.6% for our district.

K-8 School Report:

- Transition from Spring Break was a little more difficult for students this year. We are continuing to review expected behaviors and language at school. This is an issue coming from the K-8th grade. Classroom visits by our counselor, Jennifer White, and myself, have occurred to support students in making better choices. Janet mentioned that GPI has been noticing the same issue at their events with the students, and will talk with Jennifer to be sure we are being consistent with the support that is being provided.
- We have been accepted into the Integration Pilot Team which focuses on the integration of science with elementary ELA and Math.
- Field trips are being planned for the first time since 2020!
- 8th graders will be visiting the Skill Center on Friday morning.

Superintendent Report:

- The first round of bargaining began with PSE. It was a productive and positive meeting.
- The softball and baseball teams are struggling to get games played due to weather and/or lack of umpires.

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

- We are doing well with enrollment. We had a rise in February with the start of our Transitional Kindergarten and saw the enrollment continue to increase after the lifting of the mask mandate. The district is continuing to have conversations with the town about new housing as that can help with our enrollment as well.

- Our financial trend is down, which is normal at this time of year before we receive the April portion of property taxes.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Update –

Janet made a motion to approve the policy updates, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Tracy mentioned that regarding policy update 5410, we will bring this back to add June 19th as a federal holiday to the 22-23 calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Update – 1st Reading

Members encouraged to read the new and revised policies/procedures. We will work on getting feedback from the departments within the district on these policies/procedures.

Resolution 426-04-22 Delegation of Authority to WIAA:

Every school year we delegate authority to WIAA. This is required for our district to be a part of their association to be at district/state level activities. Randy made a motion to approve the delegation of authority, Marree seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2022-23 School Calendar:

Marree made a motion to approve the school calendar, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 427-04-22 Employment of Non-Supervisory Staff for 2022-23:

This resolution is an agreement for all current certificated staff to return for the 2022-23 school year. Randy made a motion to approve the resolution, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 428-04-22 Adoption of 2022-23 Minimum Education Program:

This resolution states how many teachers at each grade level that we need for the 2022-23 school year. Larry made a motion to approve the resolution, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Technology Report:

- We have a 1:1 ratio on chromebooks in the 1st through 12th grades. 1st through 5th grade keep them at school, grades 6 through 12 can take them home on a daily basis. Kindergarten and 1st grade have 5 tablets in each classroom to use with education learning activities.
- We are also looking into different options in regards to the number of cameras that we have in the district, and the quality of the video.
- We took advantage of the NWESD surplus items, and received 8 computers, and 6 laptops.
- Our K20 system has been upgraded to 1G (from 500mg) We will need to upgrade some of our equipment to provide us the ability to use the full Gig. We are looking at the UniFi Dream Machine Pro, it acts as the main gateway/firewall/router and is an integral part of our network infrastructure. It would control most of our settings like wifi and security policies.

- Chuck, our technologist, went through and checked all of our radios and dispersed them to staff to help improve communication around the district.

Facilities Report:

- The wood shop has heat again, with normal levels of chemicals. 10 hours of welding was needed to complete the project. Sediments in the lines went into the heating system and will need to be cleaned over the summer.
- The temperature in the Community Center was dropped by a few degrees to be more efficient. The gutters will be replaced in locations that had damage due to snow and ice.
- The Science Room vent will be replaced in-house. Cost was first estimated at \$40,000, then \$30,000. We are confident that we can complete it at a fraction of the cost.
- On the 27th, Reece Construction will be giving a bid on the paving between the Community Center and the High School.
- The bidding process has started on the roof project.

Career and Technical Education:

- Every year around this time we create a 5-year plan. Cindy met with the General Advisory Committee (GAC) which is made up of local business owners who help guide our CTE program. This also includes Wes Allen who is the Director at Skills Center. The GAC, the certified CTE staff, and the CTE director work together to update this 5 year plan each year. The GAC approved this plan at our March meeting.
 - Highlights of the plan include
 - Introduction of two new graduation pathways within the family and consumer science pathway
 - Collaboration with the City of Darrington, Whitehorse Timber, Foterra, and Sno-Isle Skills center to provide a satellite skills center program which could potentially draw new students to our district.

Janet made a motion to approve the plan, Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Preliminary Budget Discussion:

McKenzie shared the next steps in the budget preparation process, including using the F-203 to estimate 2022-23 revenue.

2022-23 Coaching and Clocks Stipend Schedules:

- Larry made a motion to approve the stipend schedules, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Gifts to the District:

None.

Agreements and Contracts:

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

Personnel Actions:

Janet made a motion to approve the personnel actions, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Marree mentioned that the DEA prescription takeback resource booth will be at the pharmacy from 10-2 on Saturday. This is an event where you can return unused prescriptions.

Larry reminded everyone to make sure the community center doors are locked when they leave.

Jennie thanked the students who were in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Executive Session to Review the Performance of a Public Employee:

At 7:41 PM, Jennie announced that the board would go into executive session to review the performance of a public employee with action to follow. She estimated that the board would return at 7:55 PM. The board returned from executive session at 7:55 PM.

Superintendent/Principal Contract Renewal – Notification of Intent:

Larry made a motion to notify Tracy Franke of the board's intention to renew her contract as Superintendent/Principal for 2022-23. Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:


Jennie adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.



Board President



Superintendent



Date



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