

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 2023
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, Marree Perrault, Larry Boyd, and Randy Hayden.

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

PSE: PJ Wieferich noted that there are a few new PSE members in the buildings. She said that the current members are helping the new employees get settled. PJ also shared information about the upcoming PSE hockey game. She noted that the Facilities Lead position has been filled.

DEA: Oliver Rankin read a statement from DEA leadership thanking the school board for their service to the district.

Student Representative: Breanna Monteith shared that this is spirit week and they are looking forward to homecoming, a pep assembly and royalty. She also noted that Leadership is planning for Black History Month.

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- MAP testing is happening now. ELA was finished last week and math is starting this week.
- Staff is working with students who are at risk of not graduating.
- There are upcoming field trips to Microsoft, EVCC, SVCC, and the King Arthur Bakery
- The college and career fair is scheduled for March 16th.

Special Programs Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Special Ed Rate – 17%

- Child Find events are bringing more students into the special education programs.

K-8 School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Mid-year assessments are happening now. Staff will make adjustments to teaching strategies based on the data.
- MAP testing is happening now.
- Staff used the Iready assessment in December.
- Students were walked through "Expectation Stations" when they returned from winter break.
- There are a few upcoming assemblies, including Taproot Theatre's anti-bullying assembly.
- Transitional Kindergarten started Monday with eight students.

Superintendent Report:

Tracy Franke shares:

- Thank you to the school board for their dedication to students and staff.
- The state portion of Community Eligibility Program revenue is delayed due to high levels of participation in the program.
- Mr. Gladsjo was awarded an Outdoor Education grant to build shelters at the archery range.
- Reece Construction will be on site Monday to address the drainage by the community center.
- WSSDA pamphlets on OPMA requirements and Conflicts of Interest were provided to the board.

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

McKenzie Boyd shares that enrollment will be bolstered by the new Transitional Kindergarten program. The fund balance has improved, but we will really see a difference in April when taxes are collected on the new four-year levy.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Randy Hayden made a motion to approve policy/procedure 2161 and 2161P. Larry Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Alternative Education Report

Mrs. Armony ran the ALE program for the past two years, but we no longer have the enrollment to support the program. Open Doors is still offered to students and it is free to enroll. Penn and Foster is another program that is used by some students, but there is a cost to parents. Skills Center and RAP are also available to students.

Counseling Report

The district has two school counselors who are partially funded by grants. Mrs. White covers grades K-5 and Mrs. Kujath covers grades 6-12. Our Prevention/Interventionist resigned, but the ESD is working on filling the position. We also have three counselors through the Stilly Valley Health program. Tracy and Cindy meet with the counselors monthly. Counselors are also included in SIT meetings and are part of MDT.

Gifts to the District

None

Agreements and Contracts:

None

Personnel Actions:

Page 31 of the board packet shows the personnel actions. Randy made a motion to approve the personnel actions, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Randy noted that he checked on the status of the permits for the high school fire suppression work. He also shared that the board should consider using "shall/will" language in policies rather than "can" language. He also noted that the board can change the policies rather than approving them as written by WSSDA.

Marree shared that she attended the small school legislative session. She also mentioned that North Counties Family Services is opening a youth drop in center February 15th for tutoring.

Janet thanked everyone for the school board appreciation.

Adjournment:


Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.




Board President



Superintendent



Date



Date

