

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

February 27, 2024
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: Maggie Weimer, Janet Loyd and Randy Hayden.

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Randy noted a mistake in January minutes.

Jennie called for the approval of the consent agenda with the exception of the January minutes. Randy made a motion to approve the consent agenda with changes, Maggie seconded. Advisory Vote Approves. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Randy asked to add bullying to the agenda.

Jennie called for approval of the regular agenda with changes adding bullying to item T and moving all others down. Maggie made a motion to approve the regular agenda, Randy seconded. Advisory Vote Approves. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

PSE: PJ – Hockey game was a success about 130 people attended. Staff have been going through adjustments and welcoming new staff members.

DEA: Shawna- Happy that PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is starting. GPI is active again and working with kids. 5th grade have a field trip using Pilchuck Auto bods grant. I Ready scores have shown growth. The school counselors have been doing a great job. The food service crew have been great providing all kinds of snacks. ASB field trip to Venture School District- seven students were invited.

Student Representative: Ciela and Scarlett- last month was mellow, the girls' basketball finished the season 12-12 making it to tri-districts. Boys basketball ended the season 4-13 continue to improve re-building the team. Softball and Baseball started 19 girls playing softball and 12 boys playing baseball. ASB and Leadership have been doing games and activities during lunch to boost school spirit. They do it weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Transition from first to second semester was incredibly smooth. Thank you Shawna.

- Plans for senior requirements have been tentatively set – but not in stone so we haven't advertised them all yet.
 - Senior presentations are set for the second week of May
 - Senior awards night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th
 - Grad Walk Friday, May 31st
 - Field Day either the 6th or 7th of June
 - Graduation is set! Saturday, June 8th at 1pm – location TBD
- Right now, most of our seniors are on track to graduate. Several have to complete credit retrieval requirements but they are working hard on getting that done prior to us leaving for spring break. We have one senior returning for sure next school year and two others that are continuing with Open Doors (fka Youth Reengagement) at EvCC earning both their high school diploma and either an additional certificate or a two-year degree.

Special Programs Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared: Hold till Item N – Annual Special Education Report

K-8 School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

We celebrated learning and achievement with Middle School Students

- 41 students recognized for being on Honor Roll, 3.0 or above
- 76 did not fail any classes the 2nd quarter
- 41 students have 0 referrals
- 110 students already met their typical growth or their stretch goal on iReady Assessments in reading and/or math.
- 6th graders had the most math iReady lessons passed at 80% or above
- 8th graders had the most reading iReady lessons passed at 80% or above

Bikes from NWESD -mountain/hybrid bikes to 5th graders at no cost, after they've completed the Bike Education program.

Dental Survey will be taking place with 2nd & 3rd graders tomorrow.

Middle School ASB attended a Leadership Conference in Mt. Vernon

Letters for 6th - 8th CSHE were emailed home last Friday and mailed out today. Lessons will begin after spring break. 3 times have been offered to meet with families to review the curriculum.

Classroom visits focused on anti-bullying message, focused on being kind to each other.

Superintendent Report:

Tracy Franke shares:

The Heating Upgrade Project is moving forward.

- Permits were to be submitted today to Randy and Sno. County. L & I should be receiving plans on Thursday.
- Groundwork should begin around spring break.

- We did not receive an Urgent Repair Grant for a new hot water heater at the high school. This means the propane tank will need to be moved due to the placement of the new power pole.

The NWESD 189 has hired Dr. Ismal Vivanco from Mt. Vernon School District as the new Superintendent.

Hoping to form our first PTO in years with a meeting next Tuesday.

Preliminary evaluations for staff are almost completed.

Gracie Ross and [Abrah Welborn](#) were recognized as Arlington Rotary Students of the Quarter.

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

McKenzie Boyd shared enrolment and financial graphs starting on page 23. Enrollment at 441.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Kathy Hayden- Shared some research she did on bullying in school.

PJ Wieferich – Shared a story about going through bullying.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Update

Second reading of policies and procedures:

- 2004 Accountability Goals
- 2090 Program Evaluation
- 2090P Program Evaluation
- 2121 Substance Abuse Program
- 2121P Substance Abuse Program
- 2190 Highly Capable Programs
- 2190P Highly Capable Programs
- 5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
- 5010P Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
- 5280 Separation from Employment
- 5310 Compensation
- 6513 Workplace Violence Prevention
- 6530 Insurance
- 6605 Student Safety Walking Biking and Riding Buses
- 6605P Student Safety Walking Biking and Riding Buses to School
- 6959 Acceptance of Completed Project
- 6959P Acceptance of Completed Project

Jennie called for the approval of the policies and procedures 2004 - 6959P Maggie made a motion to approve the policy/procedure update, Janet seconded. Advisory Vote Approves. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Update

First reading of Policies and procedures:

- 3205P Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees
- 5004 Infection Control Program
- 5004P Infection Control Program
- 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
- 5161 Civility in the Workplace
- 5610 Substitute Employment
- 5612 Temporary Administrators

Tracy discussed changes with the board.

High School Open Campus

Ciela and Scarlett- discussed how 70% for the high school students would like an open campus, so they can leave school grounds at lunch.

Tracy will talk to risk management about it.

Janet would like the student reps to make a list of pros and cons to an open campus and discuss it at the March Board meeting.

Special Education Report

Cindy Christoferson shared:

Special Ed rate 20%.

Discussed Annual Special Education Report 2024 handout.

Athletic Department Report

This past high school season we had:

- 8 cheerleaders
- 15 Boys Basketball
- 13 Girls Basketball
- 11 Wrestling

Boys advanced to Districts. Girls advanced to Tri-Districts.

For wrestling we had 1 girl and 6 boys advance to Regionals. 5 athletes competed at state with Bryer Wesson having a strong tournament show. Bryson Nations and Aiden Cumming both placed 6th; Creed Wright and Kade West both placed 2nd in their prospective weight classes.

After having discussions with all high school varsity coaches and Jennie, as our WIAA Representative, Tracy made the decision to stay in the 1B/2B League we are currently a member of.

We would continue to play 1B teams in postseason, except in wrestling, where it remains 1B/2B.

Moving to just a 1B League could jeopardize our baseball and softball teams. Being in the Northwest 1B/2B League presents us with the best possible options for competition at all levels. We have a much better chance of having competition for both our varsity and jv teams.

The competition for volleyball would be not at the level needed to maintain a high level of competition for continued growth and prepare them for state competition. We would have to seek out games at the 2B level, and teams could decline to play us.

All things considered, remaining in the Northwest District 1B/2B League helps the Darrington School District provide opportunities for our student body to participate in a challenging sport every season.

Data Review

Tracy explained and discussed 23/24 I Ready District Data Handout. Very happy with the growth the students are showing.

School Board Self-Assessment

Tabled till next month's boards meeting

Teaching Out of Endorsement

Jennie called for the approval of teachers teaching out of endorsement on page 59. Janet made a motion to approve, Randy seconded. Advisory Vote Approves. Motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Summer Travel

Tracy discussed the possibility of Summer overnight and out of state travel for camps. The board will be notified if there are any, when the time comes.

Jennie called for the approval Summer overnight trips and out of state trips. Maggie made a motion to approve, Randy seconded. Advisory Vote Approves. Motion passed unanimously.

Bullying

Randy- Bullying is a big issue but it sounds like the school is making progress. Has talked to teachers all over about bullying and it is an issue everywhere. Bullying needs to be discussed and good results happen.

Tracy is having an assembly and is going to address being kind.

Maggie thanks parents for stepping forward about bullying.

Caitlynn Pendergrass thanks everyone at the school for all they are doing.

Gifts to the District

None

Agreements and Contracts:

None

Personnel Actions:

Jennie called for the approval of personnel actions on page 60 and 61. Janet made a motion to approve, Maggie seconded. Advisory Vote Approves. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Janet- None

Randy - Legislative house bill 1915 which goes into effect in 2030, requires finance be taught in school. House bill 2331 giving the Superintendent of Public Instruction the authority to choose what curriculum are taught in schools has passed. A meeting with Matt Beck is scheduled for March 11th Randy and Tracy will attend. Handed out flyer on the Center for Inspired learning to the board and public. Would like to discuss the Center for Inspired Learning at the March meeting and have it on the agenda in April.

Maggie – Appreciates the input from the community

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.


Board President


Date


Superintendent


Date