

10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap >>

April 19, 2022

Home Visitor Update

Pandemic Recovery Plan component

The district's Pandemic Recovery Plan includes enhancements to the Home Visitor Program at all schools. Last night Director of Equity and Dual Programs Dr. Julie Perron and Home Visitors Jennifer Hernandez (Green Park), Oscar Brito-Salgado (Pioneer MS), Esmeralda Pedroza (Wa-Hi) provided an update to the school board on their work.

As part of the district's ESSER-funded Student Well-being plan, the School Board funded nine Home Visitors who reside at WWPS elementary schools (5), middle schools (2), and high school (2). These nine staff members deliver specialized services and supports with a main focus on home visits. During the home visits they address attendance concerns and make connections to community resources to help ensure student success.

Last night the Home Visitors reported they are making positive relationships with parents. They are helping set educational goals for each student in collaboration with parents.

Home Visitors adjust their schedules to find



Dr. Julie Perron
Equity & Dual Programs

"Home Visitors hold such an important role in creating meaningful and lasting connections with families. Home Visitors work to ensure students are in school, engaged and experiencing success."

Dr. Julie Perron

Dir. of Equity & Dual Language

convenient times to meet with families. They said it is important to meet more than once to establish a rapport with parents and build their trust. They also check in with students at school to establish positive relationships and demonstrate they are available to help.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED >>

Minutes from the March 15, 2022 regular business meeting and March 22, 2022 special meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, issuance of contracts and notification of reasonable assurance, April 5 & 19 accounts payable and March payroll, March financial report and surplus equipment and materials.

Action items:

1. Resolution #01-2022 Participation in Vaping Litigation
2. Resolution #02-2022 Support of Blue Zones Project Walla Walla Valley
3. Policies Second Reading: 1400 - Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum 2413 - Equivalency Credit Opportunities 6610 - Video Surveillance
4. Issuance of Contract

CURRICULUM ADOPTIONS >>

School board members will vote in June to adopt new K-5 science curriculum and new K-12 social emotional learning curriculum.

BUDGET/ENROLLMENT >>

Fiscal Services Director Nancy Taylor reported revenues and expenditures are on target with projections. Enrollment is up 18 students from last month, but still lags behind budget projections primarily in grades K-1. Ending Fund Balance is slightly below board targets of 6 to 8 percent but is expected to rebound by the end of the year to 7%.

BUDGET PLANNING >>

Board members continue planning for the 2022-2023 General Fund budget.

Building Belonging Recognition Award

Last night Wa-Hi's Buddy Club and Wa-Hi Junior Miki Joshua received the district's new Building Belonging award. Director of Equity and Dual Programs Dr. Julie Perron established this award to recognize students who promote activities that create and sustain a sense of belonging, fairness, and justice for all students. The Wa-Hi Buddy Club offers opportunities for Special Education students to be part of activities supported by peers. Jennifer Butenhoff is the advisor of this program which focuses on building friendships and helping special needs students get involved in school. Miki Joshua is forming a Black Student Union for all Wa-Hi students to create a forum to learn about Black culture and history.



EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated:

STEPHEN GALLOWAY, SCH PSYC (2022-23), SPEC ED
SARAH THOMSON, CHOIR TEACHER (2022-23), WA-HI

Classified:

GABRIELA AMEZCUA, KITCHEN ASST, WA-HI
MICHAEL MELE, KITCHEN ASST, BERNEY

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS ...

Administration:

DIRK HANSEN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, WA-HI, 6 YEARS

Certificated:

KRISTEN DUEDE, MENTAL HEALTH SP, 5 YEARS
ELISABETH ROBERTS, COUNSELOR, WA-HI, 1 YEAR
ZACHARY ROBERTS, SP ED, GREEN PARK, 1 YEAR
DANA TIMM-BALLARD, 3RD GR, GREEN PARK, 4 YRS

Classified:

JESSICA AVERY, PARA-ED, WA-HI, 7 MONTHS
ANA BRITO-SALGADO, HEALTH RM ASST, GREEN PARK, 1 YEAR
KATHY BRONKHORST, BUS DRIVER, TRANSPORTATION, 17 YRS
ROBERT DUTTON, CAMPUS SUPPORT, WA-HI, 7 YEARS
DAWN HAMMOND, PARA-ED, PIONEER MS, 4 YEARS
LARRY WHITE, BUS DRIVER, TRANSPORTATION, 5 YEARS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...

Administration:

JENNY FOSTER, PRINCIPAL, EDISON ELEMENTARY, 2 YEARS
• FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Certificated:

KASEY HUMBERT, 2ND GRADE TEACHER, SHARPSTEIN, 6 YRS
• FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Quote of the Week

"The more that you read, the more things you will know,
the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

Art Regier Volunteers of the Year

In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Month, Walla Walla Public Schools named Ann Ray, Scott Morasch and Heidi Leinweber the district's 2021-2022 Art Regier Volunteers of the Year.

Ann Ray co-founded the Walla Walla High School Alumni Association and supports annual Class reunions. Scott Morasch has volunteered in the school district for more than three decades and is currently chairing the Bond Oversight Committee to provide fiscal oversight, monitor construction plans and schedules to assure Walla Walla taxpayers get the projects they were promised.

Heidi Leinweber has volunteered for years supporting her six children during their school years. Although all her children have graduated, Heidi continues to volunteer several days a week for up to 20 hours.



Bond Update

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith recently took members of the Bond Oversight Committee on a tour of Lincoln High School. This group has met more than 20 times since the successful 2018 bond election. This committee was established to provide fiscal oversight and monitor construction plans and schedules to assure Walla Walla taxpayers get the projects they were promised. All bond projects are on schedule and on budget.

