

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | September 6, 2016

Strategic Planning



Wade Smith

Walla Walla Public Schools is embarking on an exciting journey to develop a long-range Strategic Plan which will serve as a framework for focusing efforts, allocating resources, and prioritizing initiatives in the years to come.

Superintendent Wade Smith is leading this inclusive process aimed at identifying current successes, in addition to needs and challenges and then addressing them through laserlike strategic initiatives. Superintendent Smith will infuse multiple layers of dialogue involving students, staff, parents and community members every step of the way. The Strategic Planning process will result in a

new Vision, Mission and Values statement for the school district as well as measurable goals and detailed initiatives to support today's learning needs.

"It is critical district stakeholders take advantage of the vast opportunities for input and reflection," said Smith. "The Strategic Planning process relies on the sharing of your hopes and dreams for the future of Walla Walla Public Schools as we collectively envision a world-class education for all students."

Visit the district webpage and click on the Strategic Plan graphic for a comprehensive view of the planning process.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the August 16, 2016 public work session and board meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra and co-curricular contracts, September 6 accounts payable and August payroll, 2016-2017 Perkins Grant Application, and January to August 2017 Board of Directors meeting schedule.

- Strategic Planning Process
- Explorer/Highly Capable Committee Charge

School Board Meetings . . .

January 17
February 7 & 21
March 7 & 21
April 18
May 2 & 16
June 6 & 20*
July 18*
August 15*

Special Mtg: 5 p.m. Regular Mtg.: 6:30 p.m.
*Special Mtg: 2:30 p.m. Regular Mtg.: 4 p.m.

New Pulse Video . . .

Superintendent Smith discusses the 2016-2017 district goals of improving literacy and math achievement and a continued focus on high school retention rates. He also provides an overview of newly formed district committee assignments which include Bilingual Education and Highly Capable programs. Visit the district webpage to view this video update.

Enrollment update: First official count for school year is Thursday

The first official enrollment count of the school year is set for Thursday, Sept. 8. Tuesday night Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported to the school board the district will have official enrollment figures later this week. He said he did not want to speculate enrollment counts at this time since the information is not complete. He reminded school board members the September enrollment count will not include Running Start or Alternative Education Program students since these programs do not start until later this month and will be captured in October's report. Cohan did say the district's kindergarten numbers appear to have bounced back from a dip last year. The district based its General Fund Budget on an enrollment count of 5760 FTE students, up 50 from last year's target.



Ted Cohan

Excellence in Every Classroom

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated:

SETH GLOGOWER | WA-HI OPPOR. (SCIENCE .8 FTE)

Classified:

KEVIN DE SANTIAGO | BR PRESCHOOL (PARA)

KARLA GARZA | WA-HI (PARA)

KEVIN RAVER | FACILITIES (GROUNDS TEMP.)

HENRY SAMSON | PIONEER MS (PARA)

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...

Classified

ITA TREJO | BERNEY - 7 YEARS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Classified

DEBBIE HOLT | TRANSPORTATION (19 YEARS)

- For the 2016-2017 school year

MONIQUE MORRIS | SHARPSTEIN (6 YEARS)

- November 2016 to June 2017

STEVEN OLSEN | TECHNOLOGY (31.5 YEARS)

- August to October 2016

Quote of the Week

“You are always a student, never a master. You have to keep moving forward.”

Conrad Hall

Highly Capable Program
School Board directs program study 

Assistant Superintendent Gardea to facilitate committee’s work

Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea is leading the School Board directed Highly Capable Program Recommendation Committee (HCC). This group is comprised of parents, teachers, principals, a School Board Member (non-voting), the Executive Director for Teaching and Learning, and the Superintendent. Teachers interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to complete an application by Sept. 23 via the district’s Highly Capable webpage. The HCC will complete the work necessary to provide Kindergarten through twelfth grade program recommendation to the Board of Directors May 2, 2017, to be considered for implementation beginning the 2017-18 school year.

The Committee is tasked with the following charge:

- Review the history of the Highly Capable Program in WWPS
- Review applicable state and federal laws, requirements, and mandates
- Review the current model being offered in Walla Walla Public Schools
- Review the 2015-16 outside consultant and committee work
- Perform additional study and research as may be required
- Provide multiple opportunities for parent, stakeholder, and staff input

The committee’s recommendation must:

- be financially sustainable and programmatically feasible
- be research-based to best support the needs of highly capable students
- provide a scaffold program, supporting K-12 grade alignment

Student Representative Update

By Chloe Williams

This school year Walla Walla High School Junior Chloe Williams will provide the school board with a school report during the first school board meeting of the month. Last night she reported the 33 ASB members have formed committees to support their work for the year. They helped kick off the school year by posting stars with the names of students up on campus to help everyone feel welcome. This year 46 FFA members participated in the fair. Total animals sales this year was \$79,000. The ASB students are now planning for next month’s Homecoming activities.



Latino Club students support local fair

Walla Walla High School Latino Club students volunteered to support the 2016 Walla Walla Fair Parade. Latino Club students also volunteered to raise funds for the club during the fair concert.

