

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | February 7, 2017

Bilingual Program Update

Committee to meet to review Dual Language options, including Blue Ridge



Christy Krutulis

Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis and Superintendent Wade Smith provided the school board a progress report from the Bilingual Education Recommendation Committee.

The primary reasons for reviewing the program and why changes are needed:

1. Increase academic performance for non-English speaking students (presently being out performed by Hispanics across the state)
2. Improve problematic "traditional" classrooms in dual language schools.
3. Increasing number of Hispanic students entering kindergarten with limited Spanish skills.
4. Some students in English-side of dual struggling academically.
5. Lack of program alignment.

The committee meets tonight to continue studying consolidation options from the current four school Bilingual program models.

Three options under consideration:

- one dual only school "wall to wall"
- Split school model (K-2 at one school and 3-5 at another school)
- Two dual only schools "wall-to-wall" (Blue Ridge one of the schools)

Krutulis and Smith said changes will improve the Bilingual program to better meet the needs of students. Several parent meetings are scheduled next week to review options and discuss planning..

The group is planning to take a recommendation to the board in March. No decisions were made last night.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Jan. 17, 2017 special board meeting, regular board meeting and school board retreat and minutes from the Jan. 24, 2017 Executive Session, personnel report, out of state travel, extra-curricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, and Feb. 7 accounts payable and January payroll.

- Resolution 01-2017 Request for Waiver from Minimum 180-day school year
- Resolution 02-2017 Request for Waiver from Minimum 180-day school year

Policy Second Reading / Approval . . .

School board members conducted second readings and approved the following policy revisions:

- 2107: Comprehensive Early Literacy Plan
- 2162: Education of Students with Disabilities
- 2418: Waiver of High School Graduation Credits and Resolution
- 3115: Homeless Students - Enrollment Rights and Services.

Executive Session . . .

School board members held an Executive Session following the regularly scheduled School Board meeting to review the performance of a public employee. The session was not open to the public.

School board considers new middle school math curriculum

School board members received a recommendation to adopt Ready Math as the district's new middle school math curriculum. Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulis reported the district piloted the curriculum this school year and received positive support from teachers, parents and the Instructional Materials Committee. The curriculum aligns with the state's new learning standards and is more rigorous. It also has an online component which is new. If approved, the curriculum will be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year. No decisions were made last night.

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PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Classified:

- R. ADAM HAIR | PIONEER MS (PARA-ED)
- KARYN HINZ | PIONEER MS (PARA-ED - TEMP)
- AMY SEYMER | EDISON (PARA-ED - TEMP)
- AMY VILLANUEVA | EDISON (PARA-ED - TEMP)

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .

Administrative:

- DAN JOHNSON | DIR. OF FACILITIES & OPER., 32 YEARS

Certificated:

- JEANETTE ALVAREZ | SHARPSTEIN, 4 YEARS
- MICHAEL BAKER | GARRISON MS, 26 YEARS
- JOHN CARTER | PIONEER MS, 10 YEARS
- BRENDA CRUMPACKER | GREEN PARK, 22 YEAR
- VANESSA GLOGOWER | OPPORTUNITY, 1 YEAR
- BRENDA KIRK | GREEN PARK, 20 YEARS
- SHERRY MCCONN | WA-HI, 27 YEARS
- TONI LYNN PALMER | EDISON, 28 YEARS
- KAYLIE PIVER | PROSPECT PT, 1.5 YEARS
- DEBRA REEVES | WA-HI, 17 YEARS
- DOUG VENNERI | PIONEER MS, 35 YEARS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .

Classified:

- I. ROSS WRIGHT | SHARPSTEIN, 5.5 YEARS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Certificated:

- CLAUDIA SALAZAR | PIONEER MS, 8.5 YEARS
(.5 FTE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR REMAINDER OF 2016-17)

Classified:

- ALMA DELAROSA | GREEN PARK, 10.5 YEARS
(FOR REMAINDER OF 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR)

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

- John Buissink, Shannon DeBeaumont, Nicole Duncan, Kyle Eggers, Kimberly Gradwohl, and Anne Schulz to attend Middle School Math Conference in Sante Fe, NM (Funding: Title I)
- Martin Fortney and William Hammond to attend Best Out of School Time Conference in Palm Springs, CA (Funding: 21st Century Grant)
- Ruben Hernandez to attend Beyond School Hours Conference in Atlanta, GA (Funding: 21st Century Grant)
- Sergio Hernandez and Libby Thompson to attend Education Career Fairs in Logan/Provo, UT (Funding: Title II)
- Sergio Hernandez to attend Montana Educator Career Fair in Missoula, MT (Funding: Title II)
- Loretta Wright to attend Writer Conference K-2 in Honolulu, HI (Funding: Staff Achievement Grant/Professional Growth)

Strategic Plan

Board reviews draft goals and initiatives

Superintendent Wade Smith briefed school board members on the district's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan last night during a public work session. Smith said he expects to take the plan to the school board for consideration in May. Four draft goals and a series of initiatives have been developed to drive the plan.

Goal 1 - High Quality Instruction: Supporting a districtwide culture where all instructional staff reflect on their practice, collaborate with their peers, and incorporate best-practice teaching strategies to ensure high levels of learning for all students.

Goal 2 - Aligned & Coherent Systems: Ensuring articulated programs and systems to support a comprehensive, consistent, and responsive learning environment for all students.

Goal 3 - Social & Emotional Needs: Implementing high-quality behavioral models and interventions to support the social and emotional needs of all students.

Goal 4 - Safe & Engaging Environment: Ensuring all students are engaged and connected to their school, peers, and community in a safe and secure educational setting.

Quote of the Week

"I'm not a teacher, but an awakener."

Robert Frost

Superintendent's Patron Tour rescheduled

Staff are encouraged to invite family and friends to the Superintendent's Patron Tour. Superintendent Wade Smith hosts a behind the scenes look at district schools. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the new superintendent and learn more about our local schools.

- Thursday, March 16
- 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch provided)
- RSVP by March 10 - sgolden@wwps.org / 526-6715
- Event begins at WWPS Anne Golden Boardroom
- Tour Sites: Blue Ridge Elementary, Lincoln High School and Garrison Middle School