

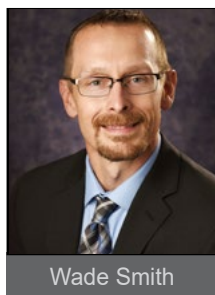
Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | September 5, 2017

Stakeholder Survey

School Board utilizing Center for Educational Effectiveness survey



Wade Smith

School Board members conducted a Study Meeting last night to discuss surveys they are developing to get input from students, parents, staff and the community. The district will collaborate with The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) for staff, parent and student surveys, while utilizing a third-party research firm for the community survey.

The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) survey tool allows the district to conduct deep analysis of perceptions and the effectiveness of current practices. CEE surveys are standardized to allow for comparability between schools and districts across the nation. Founded in 1999, CEE partners with over 950 schools in 280 districts in the western U.S. and beyond with a common goal of improving student learning and organizational effectiveness.

Last night, the school board and Superintendent Wade Smith discussed themes and questions for inclusion in the community survey. Organizational performance, fiscal management, transparency and safety and security were among the themes discussed. School board members and Superintendent Smith will continue question development in the coming weeks for the community telephone survey.

“We are excited to use these data tools to gauge perceptions as we strive to Develop Washington’s Most Sought-After Graduates. ”

Wade Smith
Superintendent



(L-R) School board members Ruth Ladderud, Derek Sarley, Dr. David Hampson, Cindy Meyer and Sam Wells.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the August 15, 2017 regular and special board meetings, August 29, 2017 special meeting, personnel report, Extracurricular athletic contracts, September 5 Accounts Payable and August payroll, 2017-18 state Transitional Bilingual Program grant application and 2017-18 district insurance renewal.

New Board Meeting Format . . .

School board members have introduced a new meeting format this school year to allow time for in-depth discussions on Strategic Plan related issues and topics.

The first school board meeting of the month will be a Study Meeting. The order of business will include a consent agenda and study item topic. Study item topics will focus on Strategic Plan goals and initiatives. This format allows the school board to have an open discussion on the topic for an extended period of time.

The second school board meeting of the month is a Business Meeting. It is a more traditional meeting with special programs, announcements, reports and citizen comments.

Study meetings are the first Tuesday of the month and the Business meeting is the third Tuesday. Both meetings start at 5:30 p.m. For a complete schedule of board meeting dates, visit the WWPS webpage.

Developing Washington’s Most Sought-After Graduates

EMPLOYMENT ...**Certificated:**

JILLIAN JAMES | MATH (.4 FTE) (OPPORTUNITY)
LAURIE SCHUETZE | SPECIAL ED (SHARPSTEIN)
SAYDEL WOLD | 1ST GRADE (TEMP) (SHARPSTEIN)

Classified:

BENJAMIN BENTLEY | PARA-ED (GREEN PARK)
ELIZABETH BUTLER | KITCHEN ASST. (PROSPECT PT)
KARLI CORTEZ | PARA-ED (BLUE RIDGE)
GERARD DUNCAN | PARA-ED (LINCOLN)
KODY DUNCAN | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION)
RUBY GONZALEZ | ASST. SEC. (GREEN PARK)
JUAN HERNANDEZ | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION)
JUDY HUI | SEC. TO DIR. (ASSESSMENT & STUDENT SRVS)
CHRISTINE KIRKWOOD | HEALTH CLINICIAN (WWPS)
JOANNA POLK | PARA-ED (BERNEY)
KEVIN RENICHE | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION)
SHAWN RESER | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION)
DAVID SARANTO | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION)
EUGENE THOMPSON | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION)
TARA WYREMBELSKI | PARA-ED (PIONEER MS)

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT ...**Certificated:**

TIM BLAIR | SPECIAL ED / GARRISON, DID NOT BEGIN
EMILY WARD | SPECIAL ED / SHARPSTEIN, DID NOT BEGIN

Classified:

JENNIE COURTNEY | HEALTH CL / WWPS, 7 YEARS
LUZ CUELLAR | HEALTH RM ASST / BLUE RDG, 1 YEAR
MARIA CUELLAR | HEALTH RM ASST / GARRISON, 1 YEAR
DEBBIE HOLT | BUS DRIVER (TRANSPORTATION), 19.5 YRS
OLIVIA WHITE | LIBRARY TECH / GARRISON, 1 YEAR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Classified:**

RODNEY OUTLAW | PARA-ED / LINCOLN HS, 1 YEAR
• AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2017

Quote of the Week

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

Colin Powell

DACA Decision

Superintendent Smith email to staff

As many of you are aware, US Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced this morning the sunset of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) that was put into place during the Obama administration. Come March 5, 2018, individuals will begin losing their status unless congress implements legislation to continue and/or modify the now-expired executive order. Although we have no way to know how many students and families this may affect within Walla Walla Public Schools, one can only assume that this will impact a number of our pupils, their relatives, and other stakeholders.

As I have shared with you prior, our Board, district, and staff stand firm in educating ALL students. We are both a tolerant and compassionate district. Through our collective actions we will continue to reassure our students that Walla Walla Public Schools is a place where diversity of thought, belief, culture, sexual orientation, and ethnicity, is honored and respected in a civil, safe, and compassionate manner. This reminder serves critical as our nation continues her debate over the DACA/immigration policies currently under examination.

Diversity in Walla Walla Public Schools continues to be regarded as a remarkable asset, one that provides a rich and glorious tapestry in the fabric of our educational program. As such, it was acknowledged and formally adopted as one of our core beliefs, and continues to inform and guide both our daily actions and decisions. Diversity is our strength.

As requested from all of you prior, please continue to help safeguard our campus culture so that it remains a healthy one. I would ask that, when appropriate, you reaffirm and re-assure to students that our primary mission has always been, and will continue to be, their safety and well-being while at school. Remind them that we will always do everything in our power to ensure our campuses are ones that reflect and support tolerance, respect, and civility. We will never ask students about their immigration status.

To help codify this important message into action, we developed our “We Belong Here” campaign. This follows a resolution adopted by our Board last February in support of all students. If you notice students in need of support, please direct them to an intervention specialist or counselor at your school. Both Sergio Hernandez and Dr. Victor Vergara have and will continue to provide resources and connections to support students and their families.

Thank you in advance for your sensitivity and understanding toward this situation. Together we can ensure a learning environment that guarantees all students are afforded the opportunity to develop into Washington’s most sought-after graduates.