

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | September 4, 2018

High School Progress Monitoring

School board reviews engagement, performance and discipline data



Chris Gardea

Last night, school board members reviewed high school improvement efforts following Year 1 of the Strategic Plan. Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea, Walla Walla High School Principal Ron Higgins, Lincoln High School Principal Marci Knauft, and District Athletic & Activities Director Dirk Hansen provided the update.

At the study meeting, the board reviewed success indicators for student engagement, academic performance, and student discipline. A new data dashboard has been created to help buildings track improvement efforts. Principals shared how focusing on the data has already brought about significant change. Examples include

“We’re in year one of our Strategic Plan and heavy in the data collection process. We have many system changes in place and are excited to see growth next year.”

Chris Gardea, Assistant Superintendent

changes in grading practices, increased student contact, systematic approach to interventions, and increased opportunities for credit attainment. Elementary and middle schools will share results at the next study session.

2017-2022 Strategic Plan Success Target Areas

School board members approved a five-year Strategic Plan last school year which utilizes a variety of Key Student Success Indicators to measure progress in the following areas.

- Reading and Math
- Chronic Absenteeism
- ACT Scores
- 9th Grade Course Failures
- 4 & 5 Year Graduation Rates
- College Enrollment
- College Remediation Rates



(L-R) School board members Sam Wells (Vice President), Terri Trick, Derek Sarley (President), Ruth Ladderud and Dr. David Hampson.

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the August 21, 2018 regular business mtg, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, September 4 accounts payable and August payroll, 2018-2019 WWVEA Contract Ratification, and 2018-2019 State Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program Grant application.

■ Replacement Bond . . .

Community/Tour Meetings Schedule:

Monday, Sept. 24

Location: Carrie Center - 711 Carrie St. (Spanish)

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Location: Lincoln High School

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Location: Wa-Hi Commons

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Location: Pioneer Middle School Library

Meeting Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Replacement Bond Information:

<http://www.wgps.org/2018bond>

Replacement Bond Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Oee6Aqkij4&t=31s>

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Certificated:

CECILIA SOLIS | 5TH GRADE DUAL | EDISON

Classified:

SAMUEL MARQUEZ | GROUNDS | FAC. & OPERATIONS

JOSE MAYA | BIL PARA-ED | PROSPECT PT/BERNEY

LESLIE MORENO | BIL PARA-ED | HEAD START/ECEAP

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Classified:

RICHARD GARRISON | BUS ASST | TRANS, 6 MONTHS

RODNEY OUTLAW | PARA-ED | LINCOLN HS, 2 YRS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ...

Certificated:

CARALYN SMITH | SPECIAL ED | PROS. PT, 3 YRS

- FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Quote of the Week

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

Marian Wright Edelman

Massive tree focus of park

World’s Largest Plane Tree is located on the Wa-Hi campus

Graduate of Distinction and 1969 alum Michael Murr, in coordination with the Stubblefield Trust, has partnered to develop a new park on the west-side of the Walla Walla High School campus. The park pays tribute to what is believed to be the world’s largest London Plane tree in existence, a hybrid offspring of the American Sycamore and Oriental Plane.

The park will include tree protection measures, walking paths, decorative fencing, benches and additional landscaping to highlight the impressive London Plane. Removal of the dilapidated house and shed will further improve the site in order to provide a tranquil experience for visitors to admire the remarkable tree. The project is expected to begin in early September and be completed by spring.



PHOTO: Superintendent Wade Smith and Project Manager Larry Harding recently visited the site in preparation for construction. Harding was a classmate of Murr and says he’s proud to be associated with the project.

District Invests in Safety

- Funds a full-time Walla Walla County school resource officer (SRO)
- Employs six Walla Walla Public Schools security officers
- Maintains Incident Command System (ICS) teams & emergency plans
- Conducts lockdown, evacuation, earthquake and shelter-in-place drills
- Ensures principals & response team staff are National Incident Management System trained
- Utilizes proactive threat assessment procedures
- Implements research-based bullying prevention program
- Supports Reach Out suicide prevention campaign
- Performs regular trainings/simulation exercises with police & other first responders

4 EASY WAYS TO REPORT SAFETY CONCERNS

Anonymously report bullying, harassment, threats of violence, suicide, drugs, weapons and other safety concerns in the following 4 easy ways:

1. PHONE - 855.976.8772
2. TEXT - 855.976.8772
3. EMAIL - 1057@ALERT1.US
4. WEB - 1057.ALERT1.US

