

# Summer Sol Review

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith reported the district wanted to do everything in its power to help students recover from the pandemicimpacted 2020-2021 school year. This included offering an unprecedented summer learning program, Summer



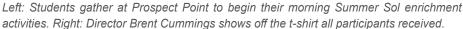
Sol, for all students utilizing a 3-tiered approach.1. Targeted Accelerated Learning (early morning).2. Enrichment for all (mid-morning).3. Leveraging Community Partners (afternoon).

Director of Accelerated Learning & Support Brent Cummings directed Summer Sol which served 1519 students, or nearly 1/3 of the district's student population. Summer Sol was offered twice during the summer in two, four-week blocks at all school buildings.

Cummings reported there were some signs of academic improvement for participants in the Targeted Accelerated Learning program, particularly in math. Special education students and English Language Learners witnessed the most academic improvement.

Cummings said the robust morning acceleration model implemented last summer is likely not repeatable, noting the difficulty obtaining sufficient staffing and the importance that teachers take time off





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Dr. Wade Smith

Superintendent

"There were many positives to

come out of Summer Sol. We

saw improvements in math

skills, making connections

with students and providing

opportunities for students to

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

this summer to refresh and rejuvenate.

He recommends continuing a robust

enrichment program this summer as

most of the staff required are provided

by 21st century and community hires.

Additionally, this program was very

appreciated by parents and staff who

Cummings will come back to a

future board meeting with detailed

recommendations for Summer Sol

provided feedback via surveys.

have fun. "

2022.

## Board Meeting Highlights

#### APPROVED

Minutes from the Nov. 16 regular business meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & cocurricular contracts, Nov. 30 & Dec. 14 accounts payable and Nov. payroll, Nov. financial report, excused absence of Director Mr. Wells and Dell Foundation grant proposal letter.

#### **BOARD OFFICER ELECTION**

School board members unanimously elected Ruth Ladderud to serve as President for 2022. Fellow school board member Terri Trick was elected Vice President for next year.

#### BUDGET/ENROLLMENT

Fiscal Services Director Nancy Taylor reported revenues and expenditures for October are in alignment with projections. Enrollment remains 75 FTE under beginning year budget projections. This has improved since the beginning of the year when the district was 150 FTE off budget targets. Taylor has made adjustments to this year's budget to reflect the funding short falls from the postpandemic enrollment decline.

#### APPROVED POLICIES

2108 Learning Assistance Program

2418 Waiver of High School Graduation Credits

3112 Social Emotional Climate

3231 Student Records

3520 Student Fees, Fines or Charges

4220 Complaints Concerning Staff or Programs

5011 Sexual Harassment of Staff Prohibited

5515 Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress

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#### EMPLOYMENT

#### Classified:

LANE AVERY-FAIRBANKS, BIL PARA-ED, PIONEER MS YASAMIN AYATOLLAHZADEH, PARA-ED, GREEN PARK NATALIA CABRERA, BUS ASST, TRANSPORTATION STEFFAN CROSBY, PARA-ED, WA-HI JACQUELINE RAMIREZ, PARA-ED, WA-HI & PROSPECT PT BRIANA STARKEBAUM, TEMP PARA ED, DISTRICTWIDE (2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR) JEFF WARNER, PARA-ED, BERNEY

# **RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS** ... *Classified:*

MARCUS DUNNIGAN, WA-HI, 3 MONTHS DEBBIE ONGERS, NUTRITION SERVICES, 20.5 YEARS MEGAN PAUL, NUTRITION SERVICES, 8 YEARS MARIA CONCEPCION SANCHEZ SARABIA, EDISON, 1 YR ITANDEHUI TREJO, PROSPECT POINT, 5 YEARS JESSICA VICARI, SHARPSTEIN, 3 MONTHS NICOLE VIOLET, GREEN PARK, 3 MONTHS

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE Classified:

JUAN FABA LOPEZ, PARA-ED, GREEN PARK, 6 YEARS • JAN 3 - FEB 25, 2022 TO COMPLETE STUDENT TEACHING LEIDY MARTINEZ, PARA-ED, WA-HI, 1 YEAR

• JAN 3 - MAY 6, 2022 TO COMPLETE STUDENT TEACHING

### **Quote of the Week**

"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

John R. Wooden

### Mulkerin takes Oath of Office to serve on board

Last night Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith administered the Oath of Office for new school board member Kathy Mulkerin. Ms. Mulkerin grew up in Walla Walla. She attended Walla Walla Public Schools, K-12, at Prospect Point Elementary School, Garrison Junior High and graduated from Walla Walla High School.

She went on to attend college at the University of Portland earning a BA in Psychology. She holds a Montessori Teaching certificate from the Montessori Institute Northwest and a Masters of Education, Primary Montessori from Loyola University Maryland. She recently completed a Master of Professional Studies, Paralegal Studies from The George Washington University.

A life-long volunteer, Ms. Mulkerin started her volunteer career as a teen at the YWCA of Walla Walla. In 2018,s she was recognized by the organization as one of

Walla Walla's Most Inspiring Women. Ms. Mulkerin is a cofounder of COCOA (Color Our Community On Awareness) which amplifies the voices and culture of our local BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) community. Ms. Mulkerin is looking forward to being a volunteer with Walla Walla Child Advocates.

Her term ends in 2025.



#### **Bond Update**

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith provided school board members an update on bond projects. Staff and students will be moving into completed Phase One projects at Pioneer Middle School following winter break. This is a major milestone as the renovated 1950's gym, new locker rooms, new auxiliary gym/fitness center, new entry addition, new cafeteria and renovated 1950's wing and classroom addition are nearly finished. Some "punch list" items in these areas will remain, but the spaces will be in use. Phase Two projects at Pioneer, which include additions to the main building for science and art classrooms, begin this winter. The project will be completed by the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

The updated and expanded Walla Walla High School Commons will open to staff and students in mid-January. Construction continues on the main academic building renovation. Progress continues on the 1927 Lincoln High School renovation. This project will be completed by September 2022 or earlier depending on phasing.

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