



Trauma Sensitive

Lincoln High School discipline referrals continue to shrink



Marci Knauff

Lincoln High School continues to utilize a "Trauma Sensitive School" model by intentionally cultivating a culture of caring and compassion, according to a report last night from Principal Marci Knauff.

"Being trauma sensitive requires a purposeful shift in perception on the part of the staff, one that is pro-active instead of punitive," Knauff said. "We try not to take things personally, instead we try to identify the need behind the behavior and work with the student to get it met in a more pro-social way," Knauff said. This approach is working based on recent student discipline data. The school now uses

in-school suspensions or in-school discipline rather than out-of-school expulsions or suspensions. In 2009, there were 600 written referrals and this school year there have been less than 100. This year there has not been a school incident leading to the need for police action whereas five years ago there were nearly 50 incidents. These days at Lincoln High School expulsions and out-of-school suspensions are also nearly non-existent.

Knauff credits her staff for their compassion, leadership and resolve to help students succeed.



Lincoln High School's on-time graduation rate for the Class of 2014 was 76.4%.

The school also teams with Trilogy for Recovery High School which offers students with substance abuse issues additional support to advance their academic success.

Board Meeting Highlights

■ APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the March 3, 2015 board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular contracts, co-curricular contracts, March 17 accounts payable, February financial report, Resolution 01-2015 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants, asset prevention annual report.

■ Board meeting dates . . .

July 28	4 p.m.
August 18	4 p.m.
Sept. 1	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	6:30 p.m.

■ Work Session - HS Math . . .

Walla Walla High School Math Department Chair Ty McEuen and Lincoln High School Principal Marci Knauff updated the school board on high school math requirements and options. McEuen reported 90 percent of the student body completes four years of math. Nearly 100 Wa-Hi students are on track to take Advanced Placement Calculus. Math students are exposed to 181 learning standards through the high school math program.

PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT ...

Administrative:

CHRIS GARDEA | EXECUTIVE DIR. OF HUMAN RESOURCES
District Office

Classified:

STEWART HAMMILL | CUSTODIAN
Facilities & Operations/Opportunity/SEA-TECH
REBECCA WILLIAMS | BUS ASSISTANT
Transportation Department

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Classified:

MARSHA FLEMING-JACOBSEN | 6 MONTHS |
Blue Ridge Kitchen Asst. (effective 03/9/15)

Leave of Absence:

CAROLYN PEMBERTON | 10 YEARS | MATH TEACHER
Wa-Hi (For the 2015-2016 school year)

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL ...

MARK MEBES to attend National Rifle Match in Camp Perry, OH and Sandy, UT (Funding: CTE, ASB)

SHANNON DEBEAUMONT, JAMI EGGART, ROBERT ELIZONDO, CARRIE LAROY, DIANE MCEUEN, ANNE SCHULZ to attend National Council of Teacher of Mathematics in Boston, MA (Funding: Title I)

Quote of the Week

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”
B.B. King

Human Resources

Gardea to lead Human Resources Department

School Board members unanimously approved the appointment of Prospect Point Elementary Principal Chris Gardea as the district's new Executive Director of Human Resources. Gardea replaces Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma who now heads the district's Teaching and Learning Department.

Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan is developing a transition plan for Gardea to assume his new duties. He also said the district will soon post the position announcement for a new Prospect Point principal. The new Prospect Point principal will assume the duties July 1.

“Chris Gardea has the skills, experience and professionalism to lead our Human Resources Department,” said Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan. “He has demonstrated in all his assignments a profound care for people, a vision for the future and the ability to establish systems to improve efficiencies and effectiveness.

This fall, Gardea was named Distinguished Elementary Principal for the Lake Wallula Region for 2014. He has been Principal at Prospect Point since 2008.



Chris Gardea

Sleep Study

Dr. Richard Simon, Jr. presented to the school board last night arguments for starting high school at a later time. He suggests high school should not start earlier than 8:30 a.m. He cited several scientific data research sources to support his position.

The school board asked the district to further study this issue. Executive Director of Business Ted Cohan, who oversees Transportation which is a critical component of this issue, will lead the study. Staff, parent, student and community input will be part of the study, according to Cohan.

Spring Break Schedule

- April 6 to 10 (NO SCHOOL)
- Classes resume Monday, April 13



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