

Walla Walla Public Schools

10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | November 1, 2016

Strategic Planning *School Board participates in SWOT brainstorm activity*



Cindy Meyer

School board members conducted a special meeting last night in support of the Strategic Planning process. Board members stated their views on the district's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This activity mirrored recent similar staff, parent and community listening sessions. School board input largely aligned with other feedback the district has received. Results of this fall's SWOT feedback is listed on the district webpage by clicking on the Strategic Plan graphic on the homepage and scrolling to the November timeline section.

School board members will conduct a

retreat Thursday to further review data and begin drafting a new district Mission Statement.

The new, five-year Strategic Plan is expected to be completed by June.



Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the October 18, 2016 special board meeting and regular board meeting, personnel report, out-of-state travel, extra-curricular athletic contracts, Nov. 1 accounts payable and October payroll, and Highly Capable Program Annual Plan. First Reading of Policies: 3115, 3122, 3205, 3241, 4210, 4215, and 6970.

Budget/Enrollment Update . . .

Executive Director of Business Services Ted Cohan reported the 2015-2016 budget will close soon with a slightly larger fund balance than was projected. Enrollment remains 20 FTE students above 2016-2017 projections.

Willow Charter School update . . .

Superintendent Wade Smith provided a sample recommendation for future partnerships with Willow Charter School per school board direction. Superintendent Smith drafted a Resolution of Understanding for an Inter-Agency Relationship with Willow Charter School. The resolution directs the superintendent to cooperate with the proposed Willow Charter School in the same manner it has historically partnered with regional school districts. Willow Charter School is set to open next August. No board action was taken. See the draft resolution on the School Board tab (Meeting Agendas) on the district webpage.

Walla Walla High School Track naming process update

Walla Walla High School Principal Pete Peterson submitted two options for the school board to consider regarding naming of the school's new track.

Track Name Options:

- David Klicker Memorial Track & Field
- Blue Devil Track & Field

Peterson chaired the naming process which began in the spring and ended last month. School board members will consult with Superintendent Wade Smith regarding next steps. No action was taken last night.



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EMPLOYMENT . . .

Classified:

- ALLYSON BAKER | BR PRESCHOOL (TEMP PARA-EDUCATOR)
- OSCAR BRITO-SALGADO| PIONEER MS (HEALTH RM ASST)
- MELISSA GARDNER | GREEN PARK (TEMP PARA-EDUCATOR)
- ALEAH GIBB | EDISON (TEMP PARA-EDUCATOR)
- SUZANNE HYDE | WA-HI (KITCHEN ASSISTANT)
- ERIKA INGERSOLL| WA-HI (KITCHEN ASSISTANT)
- CHRISTY KINNEY | LINCOLN HS (PARA-EDUCATOR)

Coaching:

- JOSE CEDENO | WA-HI (HEAD BOYS SOCCER COACH)

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL . . .

- Amanda Bess to attend La Cosecha 2016 Dual Language Conference in Sante Fe, NM (Funding: Bilingual PD)
- Jason Parson to attend ABCA Convention in Anaheim, CA (Funding: Coaches Prof. Growth)
- Wade Smith to attend NSBA Annual Conference in Denver, CO (Funding: Superintendent's Travel)

Quote of the Week

“Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers.”
Steven Spielberg

Facilities Committee Update

District site-based teams to form soon

Community Facilities Task Force Chair Paul Schneidmiller provided his quarterly report to the school board last night. The group is currently reviewing the physical condition of each school and studied the district's bond history from the past 30 years. The group will review safety and security, growth projections, capacity and energy efficiencies next. Superintendent Smith will also work with Schneidmiller to form district site-based teams which will begin in January.



Task Force Membership

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| Paul Schneidmiller (Chair) | Tony Cabasco |
| Jim Dumont | Roger Esparza |
| Darcy Fugman-Small | Chris Garratt |
| Don Holbrook | Dean Lodmell |
| Linda Newcomb | Jim Peterson |
| Phil Shivell | Craig Sievertsen |
| Casey Waddell | Jerry Zahl |
| Keith Swanson | John Kiefel |
| Peter Swant | Randy Glaeser |
| Dick Moeller | Kara Schulke |



Non-Voting Members

- Derek Sarley, School Board
- Ruth Ladderud, School Board
- Wade Smith Superintendent
- Mark Higgins, Communications Dir.

Middle School Math Pilot addresses new standards

Last night Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christy Krutulius provided an update on the district's Middle School Math Pilot -- Math Ready. This 14 week pilot is the district's second math curriculum review. A decision is expected to be made in January regarding the adoption of Math Ready. Teacher on Special Assignment for districtwide math support Monica Nelson, Garrison Middle School math teacher Kyle Eggers and Pioneer Middle School math teacher Kim Gradwohl also contributed during the report. Nelson said the curriculum being piloted better aligns with the state's new learning standards. She said the current curriculum only addresses 20 to 25 percent of the standards where Math Ready is aligned to more than 90 percent. Eggers and Gradwohl said the new curriculum is challenging staff and students. It is more rigorous and uses a different approach. It also has an online component which is new.

Student Representative Update

By Chloe Williams

Walla Walla High School Student Representative Junior Chloe Williams reported to the school board last month's Homecoming Week was a tremendous success. She said 632 students attended the dance. The ASB recently distributed \$12,000 to school clubs and \$8000 to athletic programs. Students are gearing up for a Veterans Day assembly, Winter Wish Week and Conspiracy of Hope.

