

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | March 6, 2018

Progress Monitoring

Principals share data, success stories and challenges with school board



Chris Gardea

School board members received a mid-year update from principals during Tuesday's study meeting.

The Elementary and Secondary Schools Progress Monitoring study item was an opportunity for principals to share information on reading and math data, absenteeism, discipline and behavior referrals. The data shared from the building level is based on their school goals aimed at reaching the district's five-year success targets approved last summer as part of the district's new Strategic Plan.

The district is on pace to exceed its reading target established for this year. Math gains are coming in slower. Staff professional development, better understanding of the

"The primary function of school is to ensure high levels of learning. This new systematic approach to reviewing and understanding data allows principals to identify areas of growth and the flexibility to make mid-year adjustments to better meet the needs of our students."

Chris Gardea, Assistant Superintendent

new state learning standards and staff collaboration are all keys to seeing higher academic achievement results. Additional resources are in place this year to better support attendance, discipline and behavior issues.

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the Feb. 27, 2018 regular business meeting and executive session, March 1, 2018 special meeting open house, personnel report, superintendent's evaluation, superintendent's contract renewal, March 6 accounts payable and February payroll.

Superintendent's Patron Tour . . .

If you have family, friends or business contacts who would be interested in attending the March 14 Superintendent's Patron Tour, please have them contact Susie Golden - sgolden@wwps.org or (509) 526-6715.

Participants will tour Walla Walla High School, Pioneer Middle School and Lincoln High School. The tour begins at 8:30 a.m. at the district office and concludes at 1 p.m. following lunch.

Spring Break . . .

- No School April 2-6
- District Office Hours (8-12 & 1-4)

Volunteers of the Year . . .

Please consider nominating one of our volunteers for the Art Regier Volunteer of the Year Award. The nomination form is on the district website under Volunteering. Nominations are due March 15.

SNAPSHOT -Select Student Success Targets

READING AND MATH (3rd-8th grades)

» TARGET GOAL: 2.5% improvement per year

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

» WWPS: 16.2% » STATE: 16.7%

» TARGET GOAL: 10% - by 2021-2022

ACT SCORES (composite scores)

» WWPS: 19.9

» TARGET GOAL: 22 - by 2021-2022

9TH GRADE COURSE FAILURES

» WWPS: 25.4% » STATE: 22.5%

» TARGET GOAL: 15% - by 2021-2022

4 AND 5 YEAR GRADUATION RATES

» WWPS 4 year rate: 79.4% » STATE: 79.1%

» TARGET 4 YEAR GOAL: 85% - by 2021-2022

» WWPS 5 year rate: 83.5% » STATE: 81.9%

» TARGET 5 YEAR GOAL: 90% - by 2021-2022

2 AND 4 YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

» WWPS college attendance rate: 67% » STATE: 60%

» MONITOR FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

COLLEGE REMEDIATION RATES

(Graduates enrolled in college who take a remediation course)

» WWPS: 50% » STATE: 33%

» MONITOR FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

NONE TO REPORT

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Certificated:

KEITH ANGOTTI | SPECIAL ED | PROSPECT PT, 1 YR

WILLIAM CALHOUN | MATH | WA-HI, 15 YRS

- WILLIAM IS RESIGNING .2 FTE (REMAINS .8 FTE)

DYAN NELSON | SPEECH PATH | SPECIAL ED, 3 YRS

- DYAN IS RESIGNING .4 FTE (REMAINS .6 FTE)

TAMI PLUCKER | HEAD START/ECEAP | 11 YRS

Coaching:

CONOR FISH | HEAD GIRLS' BASKETBALL | WA-HI, 3 YRS

- CONOR HAS ALSO COACHED AS AN ASST FOR YEARS

Quote of the Week

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

Aristotle

Emergency Planning

Crisis Prevention

- Emergency Drills (lockdown, evacuation, shelter-in-place, earthquake)
- Suicide Prevention (The Health Center, Walla Walla County Health Department and Comprehensive Mental Health)
- Bullying Prevention (Mark Thompson, Washington State Risk Management Pool)
- School Resource Officer at Wa-Hi and Security Officers at Wa-Hi, Lincoln HS, Pioneer MS and Garrison MS

Crisis Management

- RCW 28A.320.125 (WWPS meets state requirements for Safe School Plans)
- ICS, training, drills, support from first responders and Safe Schools Committee

Crisis Recovery

- Crisis Recovery procedures and teams at each school

See Something, Say Something – Report It!

- Call the police and district officials any time there is a school safety concern or threat of violence
- SafeSchools Alert - anonymous reporting of bullying, threats and safety concerns
 - Phone: 1-855-4ALERT1, ext. 1057
 - Text: Text #1057 @tip + your tip to ALERT1 (253781)
 - Email: 1057@alert1.us
 - Web: http://1057.alert1.us

District response to walkouts

On March 14, 2018, organizers around the country are calling for a National School Walkout at 10 a.m. for 17 minutes in order to address gun violence in schools and encourage enhanced legislation on the matter. Information on social media and websites has been encouraging students and teachers around the country to organize on that day, preferably via a brief walkout.

While public schools and their employees are discouraged from participating in political activism during the school day, Walla Walla Public Schools recognizes first amendment/free speech rights of students. History has taught us the importance of civic engagement and peaceful activism; many such activities having shaped the fabric of our great nation over its nearly 250-year history.

Age-appropriate Response to March 14 Walkout:

High School:

At the high school level, to ensure a safe and orderly environment, we have asked school administration to cooperate with potential participating students to identify a structured plan to be implemented during the 17-minute time frame.

It is important to emphasize student participation on March 14 at 10 a.m. is optional as classroom instruction will continue as planned. This is not a district-sponsored activity. Students who choose to participate will not be marked absent/tardy as long as they adhere to the time frame and behavioral expectations. Students who choose to participate will be expected to make up any work missed during the last few minutes of 3rd period and the first few minutes of 4th period. We encourage you to talk to your high school student about their potential participation. If a decision is made to participate, please reinforce the time, behavior, and missed-work expectations.

Middle School and Elementary School:

At the middle and elementary school levels, buildings will be reinforcing the importance of school safety. Schools will be scheduling their required monthly safety drill and/or holding brief assemblies to reinforce school safety and reporting measures with students.