

# 10-10 Staff News

School Board Meeting Recap »

December 14, 2021

## Summer Sol Review

*Summer program to scale back in 2022*

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith reported the district wanted to do everything in its power to help students recover from the pandemic-impacted 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



**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 have fun."

*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 provided feedback via surveys.

Cummings will come back to a future board meeting with detailed recommendations for Summer Sol 2022 .

## Board Meeting Highlights

### APPROVED »

Minutes from the Nov. 16 regular business meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular 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 post-pandemic 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



Left: Students gather at Prospect Point to begin their morning Summer Sol enrichment activities. Right: Director Brent Cummings shows off the t-shirt all participants received.



**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 FABIA 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, she was recognized by the organization as one of Walla Walla's Most Inspiring Women. Ms. Mulkerin is a co-founder 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.