

Work/Study Meeting

April 13, 2015

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Board Vice-Chair Pam Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Pam Daly, Nathanael O'Hara, Jennifer James-Wilson, Keith White. Excused: Holley Carlson. Also present were Superintendent Engle, staff, and community members. ASB Representative Colin Coker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Keith White moved to approve the agenda. Nathanael O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Recognition

Board: Mr. O'Hara recognized the success of the Port Townsend Robotics Team 4918 at recent competitions. The team has been invited to the World Robotics Championship in St. Louis, Missouri the end of April. Mr. O'Hara mentioned the Missoula Children's Theater performance on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. and April 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Blue Heron School.

Superintendent

Superintendent Engle presented Shining Star awards to Roger Mills and Jennifer Manning, Blue Heron science teachers, and Reed Aubin, community member, for their efforts with a year-long science project for students about salmon habitat restoration.

Public Comments - None

Board Correspondence

The board reviewed the following correspondence:

- Email from L. Wright regarding music classes at Blue Heron
- Email from M. Frederickson regarding music classes at Blue Heron
- Email from K. Kolff regarding Blue Heron bike shelter and bike education training at Blue Heron
- Email from S. Story following up on wi-fi and cell phone radiation issue
- Letter from High School GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) regarding gowns worn at graduation

Reports

High School ASB Report

Shae Shoop said the ASB is working on a fundraiser with The Car Wash for the benefit of Dove House, and helping the sophomore class organize their Tolo Dance.

Visit History Trip 2015

Gina McMather and Tom Gambill, High School teachers who organized and chaperoned the trip, explained that the group visited London, Paris, and surrounding areas March 26 through April 4, 2015. Students Sam Meier and Declan Goldenbogen said they thought the trip was a great experience; Declan wished there had been more time at the London Museum. Mr. Gambill will be at the April 27, 2015 board meeting to explain and seek approval for the Visit History trip to Greece in 2017. No trip is planned for 2016.

Next Generation Science Standards

Lois Sherwood, High School Science Teacher, guided board members and Superintendent Engle through an exercise to explain and become familiar with the Next Generation Science Standards and what Port Townsend School District is doing to meet the new science standards. Discussion followed.

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Superintendent

Superintendent Engle reported on the following:

- Rose Ridder selected as a Washington Scholar winner
- Port Townsend Robotics Team 4918 going to national competition in St. Louis, Missouri
- Port Townsend High School receiving a Washington Achievement Award for Reading Improvement, 2014

Curriculum Review

Superintendent Engle presented the textbooks World History: Patterns of Interaction, for review. The Instructional Materials Committee has evaluated these textbooks and recommends they be included in the High School History curriculum. The books are available for public review at the District Office, and will be on the April 27, 2015 meeting agenda for board approval. Digital instructional materials were discussed.

Unfinished Business

Ms. James-Wilson brought up the discussion from Ms. Story about wi-fi and cellular radiation. The Board instructed Dr. Engle to draft a letter thanking Ms. Story for the information she has brought to the board, but the subject will not be placed on a future agenda.

Ms. James-Wilson spoke about the letter from the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) in the board packet. Dr. Engle said in researching the issue, the color of graduation gowns worn is not board policy, but is a procedure at the high school, so can be changed at that level.

Mr. O'Hara spoke about scheduling at the middle school, and the possibility of changing from 7 to 6 periods.

Board Chair Holley Carlson joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

New Business

Ms. Daly and Mr. White will attend the East Jefferson Education Partnership meeting in Brinnon on April 30, 2015.

Policy Review

Policy 4215 – Use of Tobacco and Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

Nicotine replacement therapy was discussed.

Policy 5011 – Sexual Harassment

The Board recommended changing the “shall” to “will” in the last paragraph and ending the sentence in the third paragraph after “adult-to-adult”, which would remove reference to gender.

Executive Session

The work/study meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. for approximately ten minutes to an executive session to discuss performance of a public employee. The executive session was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The work/study meeting was reconvened and adjourned by consensus at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engle, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Pam Daly, Board Vice-Chair