

Board Vice-Chair Pam Daly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. PRESENT: Pam Daly, Jennifer James-Wilson, Nathanael O'Hara, and Keith White (via Skype). Also present was Superintendent Engle.

### Mission Statement Review

It was pointed out that we are a district that draws its sense of learning from place, and the community of Port Townsend draws on the district as a living context for learning and service.

### Action Plan for 2015-16 School Year

Superintendent Engle reported on the following:

- Melody Sky Eisler, Port Townsend City Librarian, was invited to attend the principals'/directors' retreat on August 14, 2015
- The District has received a \$75,000 grant from First Federal Savings to continue Maritime Discovery Schools'(MDS) work, which will fund that program through the end of the calendar year.
- The Board viewed a 9-minute video that has been produced explaining the MDS program.
- The book Leadership on Line and the essay "Why Place Matters" were discussed.
- There will be a community reception for new District employees at the new Chamber offices, 5:00 p.m. There are approximately 21 new employees at present (8 certificated, including 3 new Kindergarten teachers, 13 classified, and one new groundskeeper)
- Thursday, September 3 will be the District back-to-school day for employees. The film, "Most Likely to Succeed" will be shown, which is about a project-based high school in San Diego. Also, Marc Prensky will be addressing staff that day.
- Article in the August 10, 2015 Strategic News Service Report that states robotics is one of the fields where jobs are increasing. The robotics segment of the MDS video was discussed.
- The success of the community partnerships helping to fund the MDS program
- Changes in the 2015-16 school year, including changes in union leadership, community attitudes about schools in the District are improving

The Director District 1 vacancy was discussed, and it was decided to extend advertisement in the Leader newspaper classifieds. The Board talked about the possibility of going to 3 director districts with 2 at-large districts in 2016/2017.

Topics for board work/study meetings:

September 14 - Wellness, YMCA

October 12 - SBAC testing, long-range planning at Grant Street

November 9 - Legislative priorities, MDS curriculum alignment

January - Next Generation Science Standards, food service at Blue Heron

February - School improvement goals progress report

March - Succession planning, different board composition

### Policy Review

Policy 2022, with its accompanying Responsible Use Compacts, was reviewed

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Next Meeting: August 24, 2015, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1610 Blaine St., Room S-11

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Engle, Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Daly, Board Vice-Chair