

Board Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Nathanael O'Hara, Keith White, Connie Welch, Laura Tucker, and Jennifer James-Wilson. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, and community members.

Laura Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Ms. Tucker moved to approve the agenda. Keith White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Recognition

Superintendent

Superintendent Polm presented Hero Awards to High School teacher Jennifer Kruse for her efforts with the garden/farm to table/cafeteria process and High School teacher Julie Dow for her performance at the homecoming assembly. Dr. Polm also recognized members of Kelly Watson's high school manufacturing, boat building, and marine trades classes for their participation at the Port Townsend Woodworkers' Show on November 5-6, 2016. Ms. Watson explained the examples of the students' work that were on display. Dr. Polm also noted that the High School girls' swim team was recognized as State academic champions, and praised the high school drama production.

Board

Ms. Tucker reported on her meeting with Zach Gayne, High School Garden Coordinator, and the reorganization and future plans of the Students for Sustainability Club at the high school.

Public Comments - None

Board Correspondence

The board reviewed correspondence from Julie Jablonski regarding the capital funds levy and Dr. Polm's response.

Reports

School Improvement and Assessment Reports

Grant Street Elementary – Lisa Condran, Principal

Principal Condran and Jason Lynch, Title I Director, shared some achievements and implementations of new programs at Grant Street in 2015-16, and discussed goals for the 2016-17 school year.

Blue Heron School – Principal Matt Holshouser

Principal Holshouser discussed some priority goals for Blue Heron School for the 2016-17 school year and shared information on some of the programs currently in place at Blue Heron.

Port Townsend High School – Principal Carrie Ehrhardt

Principal Ehrhardt shared some accomplishments at PTHS in the 2015-16 school year and discussed goals for the 2016-17 school year and beyond.

Curriculum Committee Update – Ann Healy-Raymond

Ms. Healy-Raymond, Director of Instruction and Technology, explained the Criteria for Resource Selection and the resource selection framework currently used for curriculum adoption in the District. Review and revision of Policy and Procedure 2020 was discussed.

Maritime Discovery Schools (MDS) Update – Sarah Rubenstein

Ms. Rubenstein, MDS Project Director, shared accomplishments the MDS program has made in the last two years, including development of a pilot K-12 maritime and place-based curriculum, increasing professional development and collaboration focused on place-based learning, offering a high school Maritime Academy program, creating a farm-to-table scratch cooking model food service program, and developing over 70 community partnerships. Jake Beattie, Director of the Northwest Maritime Center, spoke about funding for MDS and reported that approximately \$600,000 has been raised to date. Incorporating Native American studies into the MDS program was discussed.

Discussion of the book, The Five Dysfunctions of a Team

The board discussed elements of this book and how they might apply to the board and other leadership teams in the District.

Action Items

Approval of Swimming/Diving Sports Co-op with Sequim School District

High School Assistant Principal Scott Wilson explained that one male high school student wished to compete in swimming and diving, and since Port Townsend does not have a boys' program, they are entering into a co-operative agreement with Sequim School District. Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve the swimming/diving co-op with Sequim School District. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair O'Hara called a recess at 9:05. The meeting was reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Policy Review – None

Board Member Announcements/Suggestions for Future Meetings

Arrangements for the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association Conference

The board and superintendent plan to attend this conference on November 16-18, 2016. This annual conference helps boards enhance their ability to perform governing functions for the district. No district business will be conducted during this conference. Travel arrangements were discussed.

Mr. O'Hara asked that a report on Memorial Field use and costs to the District be discussed at a future board meeting. Ms. James-Wilson asked for a report on the District tennis courts.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:28 p.m.

John A. Polm, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Nathanael O'Hara, Board Chair

Blue Heron School Goals for 2016-2017

- Driving question to underline all of our professional, collaborative work this school year and beyond!
 - How do we know ALL students and teachers are engaged, thinking, and growing? What discourse opportunities do we continually and systematically provide for ALL students and ourselves to deepen this thinking and learning?

- Blue Heron School Beliefs about Teaching and Learning:
 - We get smarter together – Learning happens when we build trust and develop collegial relationships.
 - We are never finished – Our job as a teacher is to be the Lead Learner. We always have more to understand about students, about teaching and learning, and about our content. Teachers who have intellectual lives of their own foster the intellectual lives of their students.
 - Seeing is Believing – Observing a colleague opens the door to new possibilities. It shifts our expectations as we “reimagine” what is possible in our own classroom and dissect student learning at the core.
 - Inquiry Matters – We are driven by our questions. We continually examine student data, read research and professional text about best practices, try out those best practices in our classrooms, examine the resulting student work, and ask new questions starting the inquiry cycle again.
 - Understanding is the Goal – We are teaching children to think strategically and critically as they grow their understanding and develop new insights about content. Understanding continues to expand as we learn with and from students and colleagues.

Teamwork makes the Dream work!

Committed to ALL in supporting you in your best professional work yet!

Looking forward to a great school year!

~ Matthew Holshouser – Blue Heron School Principal