

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 7, 2014**

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Director: Rick Huan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal
Kris Ching, Outreach Director (Birth to pre-school)

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair, at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes – January 10, 2014

Rita Reandeau moved to approve the January 10, 2014, meeting minutes. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Flying Hands Poetry Competition

Thanks to Allie Joiner for attending the Flying Hands Poetry Competition earlier today. It was impressive to see the use of technology to add blogs from ASL artists around the country. Congratulations to all for an outstanding event!

Reports

Rick Huan, Executive Director

Handouts:

- Email outlining supplemental budget request
 - Charter bus: Supplemental funding was requested as the contract bid, which wasn't completed until after the legislative session closed, was considerably higher than expected.

- Phone System: The company that supports our phone system is implementing a system upgrade. If we don't purchase the upgrade, our system will be left unsupported which could affect our ability to connect with emergency services if needed. Supplemental funds have been requested for this upgrade and continued support.
- 3 Way RecSum Version Compare
 - This document compares budget proposal information from the Governor, House of Representatives, and Senate.

Great News! Governor Jay Inslee will attend graduation at WSD this year! Thanks to Kelly Wicker, Deputy Chief of Staff, for making this happen. The Governor has been very supportive of CDHL, both on the WSD campus and throughout the state.

Cathy Corrado, Literacy Specialist, is holding quarterly Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf (ITOD) meetings. These meetings have proven to be a great resource for the ITODs throughout the state.

The Executive Director will be meeting with the Special Education Director and Educational Interpreters in the Central Valley School District (Spokane Valley) on March 19th to discuss the impact of SHB 1144.

Combined Summer Institute (CSI) ~ Interpreter training portion

- One-half of the CSI funding (approximately \$30,000/year) will go towards professional development for interpreters that must meet the new requirements as outlined in SHB 1144. This bill, which became effective in July 2013, requires all educational interpreters achieve a 3.5 or higher rating on the EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) test by the 2016/2017 school year. Statewide Outreach Team members Paul Bert & Cynthia Crawford will be assisting Carol Carrothers who is leading this project. Thanks to OSPI for delegating the needed funding. More detailed information will be shared at a future meeting.

Governor's Goal Council ~ Results Washington

- The Executive Director is a member of the Governor's Goal Council and part of the team that worked on Goal 1: World-Class Education. A presentation to the Governor on Goal 1 will occur on June 24 (changed from the original June 25 date). The Executive Director will present on Goal 1.2.i:
 "Increase percentage of sign language interpreters meeting newly established state performance standards from 33% in 2012-13 school year to 100% in 2016-17 school year."

Seattle Parent Meeting

A small group of parents have been meeting to explore options for setting up a program within Seattle Public Schools. This option would allow students from Seattle Public Schools to access a program inside the district that is well defined and designed to support deaf/hard of hearing students. Parents want to open discussion with their district to develop a program.

CDHL is not leading this effort. Parents contacted their local CDHL board members and the executive director in the fall for the purpose of linking parents with district administrators and program leaders in Seattle Public Schools and OSPI. From the beginning, CDHL has made it clear that we are only involved in a support capacity to facilitate communication between parents and other resources.

The parents have scheduled a forum for members of the Deaf Community on April 19th. This forum will cover what this parent group has been doing so far in planning and setting goals. They also want to solicit feedback and input from members of the Deaf Community.

Kris Ching, Outreach Director (Birth-5)

The DHH Early Childhood Workgroup has been meeting quarterly for a little over a year. The following agencies/groups are participating:

- CDHL (Kris Ching & Kerianne Christie)
- WSDS (Washington Sensory Disabilities Services)
- DOH (Department of Health) – EHDDI (Early Hearing-loss Detection, Diagnosis and Intervention)
- DEL (Department of Early Learning) – ESIT (Early Support for Infants and Toddlers)
- ODHH (Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- GBYS (Guide By Your Side)

The group discusses major systems throughout the state which support birth to three DHH children and their families.

The Deaf Mentor program is a home based program that provides ASL instruction, early visual communication, and information regarding Deaf Culture to families of DHH children. Before a Deaf Mentor program can be set up it must be well thought out and planned. Also, to run a successful program, funding needs to be in place. The screening process for Deaf Mentors is vital to the success of this program since the mentors will be working with families in their homes.

WSDS has an interagency agreement with ESIT to provide services for DHH and Deaf-Blind children. WSSB (Washington State School for the Blind) and CDHL will be partnering with ESIT in June 2014.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

The Superintendent, Elementary Principal, and Director of Bilingual Services, recently met with parents in northwest Washington. Approximately 40-50 people attended, both WSD and non-WSD families. Since this meeting the parents have held their first PSO (Parent, Staff Organization) meeting and are very motivated to support the school. Future meetings will be held in Spokane, Tri-Cities, and other areas of the state.

WSD's Battle of the Books team has made it to the finals! The students, along with their coach, will fly to Washington, D.C. in May, all expenses paid. What a great honor for these students and WSD.

Patron Day at WSD will be held on May 14th. This day will be devoted to Deaf Community leaders and will include a tour of campus, classroom visits, and a presentation of programs offered at WSD. (Note: Patron Day will be rescheduled for a later date)

All Star Day is scheduled for May 22nd. The day will include the Scholastic Book Fair, Open House in both elementary and secondary departments, and presentation of academic and sports awards.

WSD has two Facebook sites: Washington School for the Deaf and Washington School for the Deaf Elementary. Lots of exciting news and events are posted to these sites. Check them both out!

Currently in the process of recruiting and interviewing for the following positions:

- Secondary Principal
- Director of Residential Services
- Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator
- ASL Specialist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Teacher vacancies (2)

Five student teachers will be on campus beginning the end of March. Three are from San Diego and two from NTID.

On Wednesday, March 12th, three meetings will be held with staff to view a preliminary design for the new education building and gym. SRG, our local architect, and John Dickinson, an architect who specializes in buildings for deaf education programs, will be on campus to share information and gather feedback.

OPTION schools

- Meetings have been held in Atlanta (October 2013), New Mexico (December 2013), Washington DC (February 2014). The next meeting will be held in New Orleans (April 2014).
- Participants are:
 - Facilitator
 - Rick Huan, Executive Director, CDHL
 - OPTION Schools
 - Barbara Hecht, President of OPTION Schools and Director of the Clarke School program in Boston
 - Maura Bermdsen, Past President of OPTION Schools and Educational Director of Listen & Talk
 - Bill Corwin, President of Clarke School and Chair of the OPTION Schools Legislation and Policy Committee
 - CEASD
 - Ron Stern, President of CEASD and Superintendent of New Mexico School for the Deaf

- Jane Mulholland, Board member of CEASD and Superintendent of Washington School for the Deaf
- Joe Finnegan, Executive Director of CEASD

The group works together focusing on resolution of issues of mutual concern and services at the state and local level. They are also working to set up a collaborative effort to educate state and federal legislators on the needs of DHH children. It is great to see the ASL and spoken language communities working together.

Congratulations to all WSBC/WSBCC participants and volunteers ~ what a great job they did in representing WSD. A special thanks goes to Ron Spratlen and Sharon Caton for their outstanding work in coordinating this event.

Board self-evaluation survey

The Board reviewed the proposed self-evaluation survey. Thanks to Nita Kamphuis, Allie Joiner, Rita Reandeau and Char Parsley for creating the survey. Special thanks to Char Parsley for leading the group.

Additional question for the survey: "Do you have any recommendations to enhance the work of the Board?" The Board members will complete the survey and the results will be shared at a future meeting. The Board agreed that the survey should be taken annually with the results discussed at the summer retreat and shared at the fall meeting.

Char Parsley moved that the Board members take the self-evaluation survey with the one addition noted above. The results will be discussed in a "study session" and then in the general meeting. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Policy 3247 ~ Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans

Correction: reformat third column under "Cross References."

Char Parsley moved to approve Policy 3247 ~ Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans with the above noted correction. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

SHB 1144 ~ Regarding qualifications for educational interpreters

Districts are scrambling to understand what is needed to comply with SHB 1144 (i.e. funding, etc.). Washington is currently allowed 25 slots for EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) testing. An application for an additional 25 slots has been submitted.

One of PESB's (Professional Educator Standards Board) recommendations is "Appoint the Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL) to implement, coordinate, and manage the educational interpreter standards." PESB will self-review the process in five years.

Professional development opportunities

- Professional development should be directed at:
 - Parents

- Administrators
- TODs (needs in the schools, home, and community)
- Related services (SLPs, Audiologists, etc.)
- General Education staff
- CDHL is partnering with Gallaudet University to offer professional development opportunities throughout the state.

Seattle Children's Hospital Panel (Allie Joiner)

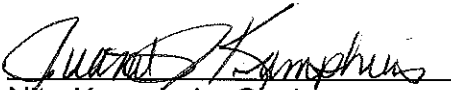
Board member, Allie Joiner, recently attended a meeting at Seattle Children's Hospital where a panel of five deaf adults spoke about their experience with isolation in mainstream programs. Many said there were no after school activities offered for DHH students attending their school and the oral method was the communication modality at that time. Everyone agreed that parent involvement is critical. What a great discussion!

Great books to read: "Madness in the Mainstream" and "Deaf Again", both by Mark Droselbaugh. These books challenge the reader to look through the eyes of the children.

The Executive Session was cancelled.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.


 Nita Kamphuis, Chair
 CDHL Board of Trustees

May 2, 2014
 Date


 Rick Hauan, Executive Director
 CDHL

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