

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 25, 2013**

Board Members: 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)

Absent: Val Ogden (District #3)
Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith,
Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Business Services Manager
Lorana Myers, WSFE representative

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair, at 11:22 a.m.

Reports

Rick Hauan, Director

- The Director has been attending the Governor's Goal Council ~ Results Washington meetings. The Governor's office recently issued a press packet which included a press release, information about the process, and Goals 1-5. A copy of the packet will be emailed to the Board members. Goal 1 "World-Class Education" could be used as a guideline for strategic planning. A major victory is Goal 1.2.i which says "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."
- Spokane School District has agreed to a four-year process review to assist with improving their services to deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children. This is similar to what was done for the Tacoma Public Schools. The cost to the school district is \$1,200/year. The smaller and mid-to-small districts in the Spokane area meet regularly to discuss services as their DHH student numbers are very low.

- The CDHL Director met with the Seattle Public Schools staff regarding their DHH program and stressed the importance of having support from their Board, Superintendent, and Executive Director of Special Education. CDHL has offered their services, if needed. More information will be shared when it becomes available.
- A contract with Sunnyside School District has been established and CDHL has hired a Teacher of the Deaf (TOD) for their program. The TOD is a CDHL employee but the Sunnyside School District pays all expenses for that position.

Election of Vice-Chair

Allie Joiner nominated Sidney Weldele-Wallace as Vice-Chair. Larry Swift seconded the nomination. It was voted on and approved.

Minutes – June 7, 2013, meeting

Change: (page 4 – shaded area) change “free” to “fee”. Char Parsley moved to approve the June 7, 2013, meeting minutes with the change noted above. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Board Finance Committee Report (Rita Reandeau, Larry Swift)

CDHL ended the fiscal year in the black. All the financial aspects of the agency are back in-house.

There has been a lot of confusion in relation to the 19H fund and the handling of this account by SACS (Small Agency Client Services.) This fund was established as a result of the passage of SHB 2757 which set up a new account to be used for fees for contracts, out-of-state tuition, donations, and other incomes. The business office is working to clear up the confusion.

Capital project & minor public works: There have been several last minute issues regarding the completion of the auditorium. The business office is working diligently to correct the problems.

Kudos to Jessica and her staff for the outstanding job they are doing!

Jane Mulholland

- The Combined Summer Institute (CSI) was held July 22-25 in Wenatchee. Several CDHL/WSD staff members presented at the conference. Two WSD students, Trevor Dockter and Jonah Winninghoff, were the keynote speakers and what a great job they did! They were asked to be the keynote speakers at the summer 2014, Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) conference. Congratulations Trevor & Jonah!
- The Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program is in its third year at WSD and student behavior has shown great improvement. For the 2013/2014 school year, the “Terrier Pride” incentive program has been instituted. Students are given “tickets” as recognition of appropriate behavior and each week a ticket is drawn and the winner receives a small prize. Data will be kept on which

students are given tickets as well as the staff who are issuing them. This is a great program and best of all, it is working!

- The 2013/2014 school year has been declared the "Year of the Parent." On Monday, September 2nd, a BBQ and parent informational meeting was held. It was great to see so many parents in attendance. With the Lloyd Auditorium Grand Reopening this evening and Open House and the Homecoming Game on Thursday, there are many opportunities for parents to visit.
- The Lloyd Auditorium Grand Reopening is scheduled for this evening. Our "Artist-in-Residence" Guy Wonder, has been on campus helping students put the final touches on their artwork which has been hung in the auditorium lobby areas. Guy has done an amazing job! iDeaf news, an internet publication, will be here this evening covering the event. A copy of article in today's Columbian newspaper titled "Auditorium's artful reopening" was distributed to the Board members.
- Work has begun on the accreditation self-study and the site visit will be in November 2014. Shauna Bilyeu is leading a committee of staff, students, parents, and community members through this process.
- Cathy Bennett, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator, is moving to Colorado, and will be leaving WSD in October. Recruitment will begin immediately for her replacement.
- The Superintendent has moved to the Secondary Principal's office to assume those duties as well until a new secondary principal is hired.

Future meeting ideas

- Mini ASL lesson during lunch
- Lance Forshay, Director and Senior Lecturer, ASL and Deaf Studies Program, University of Washington. The topic of his presentation will be audism.

Human Resources/Business

Transition from SACS is complete. Average turn around time for expense checks is now 2-3 days rather than 2-3 months.

The Director received a letter from the Chief Procurement Officer from the State of Washington expressing thanks to Lorana Myers for her work on the essential rebid of the statewide contract for travel services. Great job Lorana!

Buildings and grounds is very busy with the start of school as well as all the events on campus this week. Thanks to Warren Pratt and his crew for the amazing job they have done and continue to do each day.

The staff interpreters now report to the business office. We have two fantastic interpreters who do a great job in meeting the communication needs of our students and staff.

A supplemental budget request is in draft form and will be submitted to the Director and Superintendent for review. The request is due into OFM (Office of Financial Management) by October 4th.

Strategic Planning

It is time to work on CDHL's Strategic Plan. The Board would like input from staff regarding goals and their thoughts on how to pursue and achieve those goals. This topic will have a three hour block on the November 1st agenda along with Board calendar planning. The agenda for the January 10th Board meeting will include time to review staff input.

Comments:

- What cultural implications or impacts do we need to be thinking about as we design an overarching goal for the agency? Culturally how do we approach services for DHH children ages birth to 21?
- The 12 standards and indicators from the accreditation review will be sent to the Board members.
- Use the "Report to the Legislature" as a guideline for goal reporting.

Sidney moved to convene a Board retreat on March 6th in conjunction with the March 7th meeting. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.


The Board retreat on March 6th will be held on the WSD campus from 3-8 p.m. with dinner provided. The Board meeting on March 7th will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., also on the WSD campus.

Congratulations!

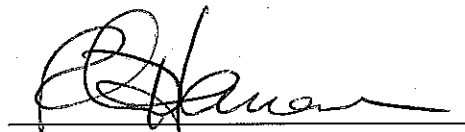
Congratulations to Allie Joiner on her recent marriage ~ all hands waving!

Adjournment

Seeing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.


Mita Kamphuis, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

11/1/13
Date


Rick Hauan, Director
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