

WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS

June 16, 2016

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Char Parsley (District #5)

Legal Counsel: Sarra Yamin

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Danni Keller, Catherine Thomas, Dave Morrison

Guests: Tom Galey, Director of Business Operations
Jessica Sydnor, Director of Human Resources

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, chair, at 9:55a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – April 29, 2016

Nancy Fitta moved to approve the April 29, 2016, meeting minutes. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Agenda changes

- Election of new Chair and Vice Chair moved to 2:00 p.m.
- 2016/2017 meeting calendar moved to 2:15 p.m.
- Executive Session to be held at 2:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Shauna Bilyeu, WSD's new superintendent. She will take over her new duties on July 1, 2016.

Idiom Lesson (Stephanie Alves de Lima, teacher; Amy Blades, ASL Specialist; Krissy Walker, ASL/Bilingual services department aide; Chelsey Donahue, reading tutor with Washington Reading Corps)

WSD's 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders performed for staff recently on "Idioms & Their True Meanings". A video of that performance was shared with Board.

The students explained how this project brought idioms to life and how the same phrase can have two different meanings. What a beautiful example of why the bilingual approach is so important.

Board Finance Committee Report

The agency is purchasing some much needed technology equipment with focus on replacing student computers. Also, iPads have been purchased to be used in conjunction with the recently approved math curriculum.

Minor Public Works: The first phase of the new visual emergency notification should be in place by this fall.

Birth to 5 program (Kris Ching, outreach director)

Kris Ching is working with each county in the state to determine what services are being accessed and what services are needed. All FRC's (Family Resource Coordinator) are mandated to complete a registry form for all newly diagnosed DHH children. The FRC gathers information from the screening audiologist. Unfortunately, Washington does not have a mandatory newborn hearing screening program at this time.

Kris was invited by Laura Steinmetz, Hearing Screening Coordinator for Seattle Children's Hospital, to do a presentation for the Online Series: Pediatric Audiology Current Topics webinar on April 20th. Kris's topic was Connecting Families with Resources, a 20 minute presentation about the process families follow after their baby is identified as deaf or hard of hearing, focusing primarily on what that looks like in counties with limited resources, and a case study. The goal of these trainings is to open up an opportunity for learning and discussion among audiologists serving young children in Washington.

Reports

GA/WA Partnership (Rick Hauan, executive director)

- CDHL's executive director will fly to Philadelphia next week to work with Instye Partners (consultants for the Common Ground Project), Jessica Page Bergeron (Atlanta Speech School) and Barbara Hecht (director of the Boston area campus of Clarke Schools for Hearing & Speech) to develop an agenda for the July 25-26 partnership meeting in Tacoma. A final agenda will be shared with the Board when completed.

Update from Jane Mulholland, superintendent

- Secondary principal recruitment: Three candidates have been interviewed so far with two more interviews to be completed.
- .5 elementary principal: Have two candidates so far.
- New hires:
 - Dana Miles: Career training and working relations with employers
 - Craig Joseph: Math teacher
- CBF (Community Based Functional Instruction) has moved to the elementary department and a teacher for that class is being recruited.
- WSD enrollment: 30 students have applied, taken a tour, or requested an application. Many students and their families are looking at WSD after attending one of the many events the executive director and superintendent have attended.
- Visual Emergency Communication System: It's happening! The new system should be in place by the time schools starts in the fall. Thanks to Tom Galey for keeping this project moving along.
- CDHL's HR department is recruiting for audiologists to work in the East Lake area as well as eastern Washington.
- Jane Tabor (audiologist) will be back in the fall and will help gather information for a mobile booth that could be used for outreach. A purchase of this magnitude would have to be submitted as a submittal through the budget process.
- Water testing: The WSD campus passed all water testing with exception of the stadium at Devereaux field. Tom Galey and Warren Pratt are working with the health department to make the necessary corrections. No lead was detected in the water on the main WSD campus.
- This is the second year that WSD has partnered with the Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. WSD student, Cesar Sanchez, has been working for Habitat for Humanity digging holes, building fences, framing walls, laying foundations, and more. Because of this experience Cesar has secured a job in his hometown after leaving WSD. Congratulations Cesar!

Report due to the Governor's Office (RCW 72.42.041)

RCW 72.42.041 § 6 states the Board "Shall prepare and submit by July 1st of each even-numbered year a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature which contains a detailed summary of the center's progress on performance objectives and the center's work, facility conditions, and revenues and costs of the center for the previous year and which contains those recommendations it deems necessary and advisable for the governor and the legislature to act on."

The Board asked CDHL staff to prepare a draft report and submit it to the Board chair for review. Once the Board chair has signed the completed document it will be sent to the Governor's office by the July 1st deadline.

Larry Swift moved to give authority to CDHL to write a draft report and to the Board Chair to review, edit and approve the report on behalf of the CDHL's Board of Trustees. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Lead-K (April McArthur)

The Lead-K program started as a national grassroots movement and spread very quickly. The goal of Lead-K is to end the nationwide epidemic of language deprivation by promoting language equality, ASL and English, as a basic human right for all deaf babies, leading to a new generation of deaf children who are kindergarten ready. Several states have already passed legislation regarding this issue and numerous states, including Washington, are in the process of introducing legislation. Once legislation is passed, a state agency will be identified to monitor and enforce the new laws.

Thanks to April for sharing this extremely important information.

Review of MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) Scores: 2015-16 **(Shannon Graham)**

Timeframes for MAP testing are October and April. Subtests are given in reading, language use, and math. MAP scores are reviewed and used to guide instruction.

Considerations

- Transition year with assessment plan
 - L1/L2 acquisition theoretical perspective
 - Language support
 - Student accountability
- Future direction
 - Investigate other growth trends
 - Add other dataset to confirm patterns
 - Improve storage & dissemination of data
 - Strengthen language assessment plan
 - Continue training on using data to guide instruction

The Board would like to see data comparing scores for students who have been at WSD a long time and those newly entering the program.

Thanks to Shannon for a very informative presentation.

Election of new Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominations for new Chair and Vice-Chair are now open:

Rita Reandeu made a motion to nominate Char Parsley as the next chair of the CDHL Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Nita Kamphuis, voted on and approved.

Nancy Sinkovitz made a motion to nominate Nancy Fitta as the next vice-chair of the CDHL Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Allie Joiner, voted on and approved.

Congratulations to both Char and Nancy!

2016/2017 Board of Trustees Special and Official Board Meetings

Special Meeting

- September 29, 2016: Special Meeting (no action will be taken) (1-5 p.m.)
Location yet to be determined.

Board of Trustees meetings (9:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.) will be held on the WSD campus unless otherwise noted.

- September 30, 2016 (8 a.m. – 3 p.m. – location yet to be determined)
- November 4, 2016
- January 6, 2017
- February 3, 2017
- March 3, 2017
- May 5, 2017
- June 15, 2017

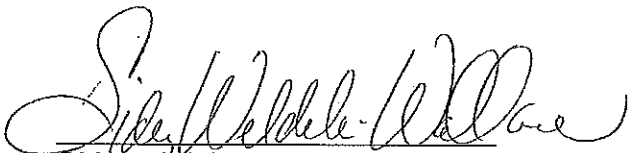
Allie Joiner made a motion to approve the meeting dates listed above. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

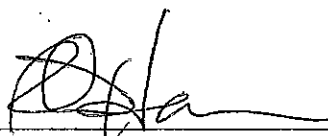
Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...." and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency." The meeting reopened at 3:00 p.m. and closed again for an additional five minutes. The meeting reopened at 3:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.


Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees


Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL

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