

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 3, 2014**

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

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Business Services Manager

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, chair, at 9:38 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – September 5, 2014

Allie Joiner moved to approve the September 5, 2014, meeting minutes. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved

Congressional District #3

Congratulations to Nancy Sinkovitz who will be joining the Board of Trustees at the November meeting representing Congressional District #3. Welcome Nancy!

Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books is a Middle School reading competition sponsored by Gallaudet University. WSD's team of 7th graders last year (Jadzia Ingram, Mai Truong, and Cristian Martinez-White) placed 4th in the country during the 2013/2014 national competition which were held in Washington D.C. Staff sponsors are Jenn Christianson and Tyler DeShaw. This year there are 12 middle school student involved in this outstanding program.

Congratulations to all and thanks for sharing! It is very exciting to see so many students involved in literacy activities.

Board Finance Committee report

An easy to read summary report was distributed. It included August operating balance, 19H fund information, and any capital and minor works project information. The Business Office has been putting structures in place so the Board can track budget information easier for both CDHL Outreach and on-campus at WSD. With this information the Board can adequately determine costs to work with DHH children throughout the state. The Finance Committee came away from this morning's meeting feeling very positive about the information they received.

Transition

There is a correlation between academic achievement and employment. The Board would like to see data from around the state of what DHH students are doing after graduation. A statewide transition team has been working with Pepnet on this project. Pepnet's goal is to improve post secondary outcomes for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing including those with co-occurring disabilities. Members of the Statewide Transition Team are:

- Rick Hauan (CDHL Executive Director)
- Carol Carrothers (CDHL Outreach Director – ages 6-21)
- Dan Crady (CDHL Transition Specialist)
- Teresa Stotler-Martin (WSD Transition Services Coordinator)
- Toni Stromberg (WSD ILS/WaCAD Coordinator)
- Jennifer White (Transition School to Work Specialist)
- Sue Ann Bube (Director, Center for Change and Transition Services, Seattle University)
- Lynn Odom (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation)

Preliminary statewide transition data will be shared at the November Board meeting.

Pepnet, using a Department of Education grant, is funding a state meeting on November 3-4 in Tacoma and will also pay for state teams to attend the January 2015 conference in Washington D. C. The conference will focus on transition programs throughout the country.

Bilingual Moment (April McArthur, Bilingual Services Director)

National K-12 ASL Content Standards

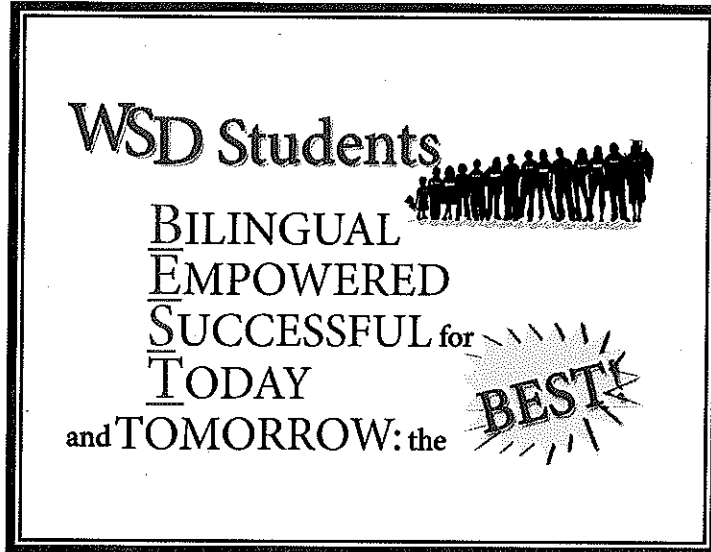
- Gallaudet's Clerc Center is partnering with the California School for the Deaf in Fremont, for the next phase in developing national K-12 ASL content standards.

Department of Health

- The Department of Health (DOH) has asked April McArthur to give workshops on ASL and Deaf culture to DOH staff. Future workshops will hopefully include Audiologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and other support service personnel for early childhood.

Due to budget constraints and the inability to hire an ASL Specialist, April has taken on additional duties at WSD. This causes a tremendous gap in outreach and providing ASL professional development opportunities throughout the state. Several ASL/English bilingual professional development opportunities will be offered to on campus staff. Once the topics have been finalized they will be shared with the Board.

New



WSD mission statement

CEASD (Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf) conference

CDHL is hosting the 2015 CEASD conference which will be held April 17-20 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. Shauna Bilyeu is chairing the planning committee here on campus. The website should be set up by December/January.

Review survey for Executive Director's Evaluation

A few additional corrections were made to the Executive Director's Evaluation survey. The updated survey, along with job descriptions for both the Executive Director and Superintendent, will be sent to the Board members prior to the November meeting as this topic will be on the agenda.

Grant application for Common Ground project

The Executive Director is working on a grant application through the Oberkottter Foundation. The grant would provide travel expenses for the Common Ground project core team to meet throughout the year. Members of the core team include:

- Rick Hauan, Facilitator
- CEASD
 - Ron Stern: President of CEASD and Superintendent of New Mexico School for the Deaf

- Jane Mulholland: Board member of CEASD and Superintendent of the Washington School for the Deaf
- Joe Finnegan: Executive Director of CEASD
- OPTION Schools (OPTION Schools is a listening and spoken language specialty program for infants, toddlers and children with hearing loss.)
 - Barbara Hecht: President of OPTION Schools and Director of the Clarke School program in Boston
 - Maura Berndsen: Past President of OPTION Schools and Educational Director of Listen & Talk in Seattle
 - Bill Corwin: President of Clarke Schools and Chair of the OPTION Schools legislation and policy committee

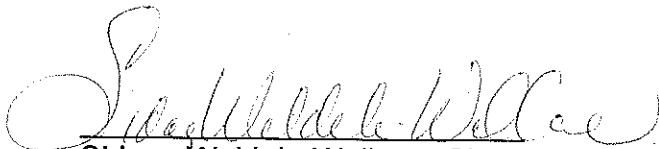
Larry Swift moved to endorse the grant application discussed in today's meeting. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved unanimously.

EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) update

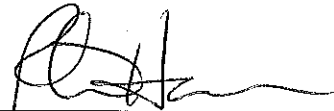
Twenty-four educational interpreters have signed up for the mentorship project. The number may increase as the October 31st deadline gets closer. The cost to participate in this program is \$2,485 and lasts seven months.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees



Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL

November 7, 2014
Date

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