

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 2, 2014**

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

Absent: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Business Services Manager

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair, at 10:45 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

WSD's Green Team

WSD's Green Team was established in November 2013. This year's student members are: Jacob Tufton, John Smart, Taylor Payne, Zhano Ingram, Jadzia Ingram, and Cristian Martinez-White. The team is coached by Jennifer Ellis (teacher) and Scott Cohen (intern from NTID).

The Green Team program gives team members exposure to math, science, and technology. On a recent visit to Clark Waste Connections they learned "where garbage goes" and came back to WSD and set up a "Know What to Throw" program. Through the team's efforts WSD's garbage bill has been reduced over \$200 per month. Next year the team will focus on electronics and solar electricity.

Thanks to Jennifer Ellis for setting up the Green Team program at WSD and congratulations to the entire team for their efforts in making WSD a more "green" school. Great presentation!

Minutes – March 7, 2014

Correction: Page 4 (bullet under CEASD) ~ change Present to President. Sidney Weldele-Wallace moved to approve the March 7, 2014, meeting minutes with the above noted change. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Val Ogden ~ You will be missed

Former Board member, Val Ogden, passed away on April 26th at the age of 90. Val was a longtime supporter of both CDHL/WSD and WSSB. As a state legislator, Val was instrumental in bringing about the funding for WSD's cottages and she worked tirelessly to ensure both schools were not overlooked. Although she was only a Board member for a short time, Val brought with her knowledge of the legislative process as well as a passion for wanting deaf and hard of hearing children to receive the highest quality education possible.

Board Finance Committee

Unanticipated costs for completing the auditorium remodel were paid out of operating funds which produced a deficit. OFM (Office of Financial Management) agreed to cover this additional cost using their emergency funds. Thanks to OFM for recognizing the need and our efforts to deal with this issue.

Larry Swift moved to send a letter of appreciation to OFM for recognizing 1) our dilemma with regards to the auditorium and increased bus transportation costs and 2) our financial management efforts to deal with these issues. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

CDHL has applied for safety net funds for a high needs student. If approved, the funds won't be distributed until after the fiscal year closes on June 30th.

Minor Works Projects

Minor works projects include:

- Replace roofs on Northrop and Clarke Hall
 - The work is planned for summer or early fall
- HVAC system in the cottage
 - Current equipment is designed for residential use, not commercial
 - This project will be postponed to the next biennium
- Replace cottage doors
 - The current doors were not designed for the use they are getting
 - This project will also be postponed to the next biennium

CDHL was granted approval to use the remaining minor works monies for an emergency alert system. The Emergency Procedures Committee has been meeting and recently new clipboards were distributed to staff. The clipboards include new red/green cards, evacuation routes, and campus maps.

Capital Projects

A decision was made to abandon the 16-year old academic building design. Design funds only will be requested in the next biennium.

Bilingual Moment (April McArthur, Bilingual Services Director)

Three members of CDHL's Statewide Outreach Team presented at the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) conference, held April 12-14, in Jacksonville, Florida. The presenters were April McArthur (ASL/Bilingual), Amy Kyler (Listening & Spoken Language), and Cathy Corrado (Literacy). Their presentation showed that professionals from ASL~Literacy~Listening & Spoken Language are all working together in the best interest in the child.

Last Monday a group of visitors from Manila, Philippines, toured WSD. The city of Manila wants to set up a bilingual program for deaf students (7-12 grades) so the group, along with two teachers from NTID, are touring schools for the deaf and their bilingual programs. They were very impressed with our facilities and programs.

"Bilingual Moment" ~ topics focused on were Deaf Epistemology, Eye Gaze & Attention, Turn-taking/Discourse. April discussed the research involved in the above areas and shared valuable resources with the Board members. The Board would like to see the "The Visual Classroom" PowerPoint shared with all early childhood education providers. Thanks April for an outstanding presentation. The topic "Bilingual Moment" will be on all future Board meeting agendas.

CEASD/OPTION Schools.

The Executive Director and Superintendent will be attending the OPTION Schools meeting in Buffalo, New York, on May 19-20.

A working draft of "The Common Ground Project" was distributed. This is a joint project of CEASD and OPTION Schools. The purpose of "The Common Ground Project" is that OPTIONS Schools and CEASD will identify areas for collaboration to help all infants, children and youth who are D/HH succeed.

CEASD has agreed to pay for the Executive Director and Superintendent's airline and hotel costs to Buffalo.

It is so great to see the ASL and listening & spoken language professionals working together. Even though there are philosophical differences, there is also so much in common but it is always important to remember to put the Child First.

Board self-evaluation survey results

The Board self-evaluation committee will review the results and share them at the summer retreat. This topic will be added to the first agenda of the new school year.

Board Retreat

The Board retreat will be held on the WSD campus July 29 & 30.

Nancy Fitta moved that the Board retreat will be held on the WSD campus July 29th & 30th. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

June Board meeting

Since graduation is on Thursday, June 12th and the Governor is on campus that day, it was suggested that the June Board meeting be moved to June 12th. The Board would like the following reports on the agenda:

- Academic Overview
- Residential Overview
- Statewide Outreach Overview
- Behavior Update

Sidney Weldele-Wallace made a motion to move the Board meeting to June 12th to accommodate the Governor's visit. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Rick Hauan, Executive Director

Combined Summer Institute (CSI) Update

CSI will be held July 24-25, 2014, at Seattle University. Specific training strands include: assistive technology, autism, blind and/or low vision, administrator training for deaf and/or hard of hearing programs and students, multiple disabilities, and secondary transition.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Secondary Principal Interviews

Two finalists for the Secondary Principal position have been chosen. Earlier this week three "Meet & Greet" opportunities were set up so staff, students, parents, and community members had the chance to meet the candidates and ask questions. One candidate was here in person and the other through videophone. What a great experience for all!

The next step is checking references and hopefully we will be able to hire by August 1st.

Retirement

Nancy Sinkovitz, Director of Residential Services, is retiring after 26 years of service at WSD. Nancy will be invited to the June Board meeting to discuss behavioral data. The number of BRs (Behavior Referrals) has dramatically declined this year. This is a sign of change in expectations and staff is to be commended for their outstanding work in this area.

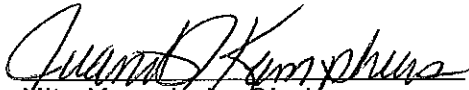
Jason Cox, School Counselor and former WSD graduate, has been chosen to take Nancy's place as Director of Residential Services beginning early August. Congratulations to you both!

Final note!

The Board wishes to convey their thanks to the Nutrition Services staff for the delicious lunch.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Nita Kamphuis, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

6-12-14

Date



Rick Haffan, Executive Director
CDHL

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