

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 2, 2015**

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Dave Morrison, Catherine Thomas

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Director of Business Operations
Gabriel Vangelys, Teacher of the Deaf/WSD
Julie Spigner, School Counselor/WSD
Chris Newell, School Psychologist/WSD
Sarah Hafer, ASL Specialist/WSD
Guthrie Nutter, ASL Special/CDHL Statewide Outreach Team

The meeting was called to order by Char Parsley, acting chair, at 9:45 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – June 12, 2015

Nita Kamphuis moved to approve the June 12, 2015, meeting minutes. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Finance Committee Report

Good news - CDHL ended the fiscal year in the black! We will be returning \$74,000 in savings.

The legislature has fully recognized that funding for CDHL's outreach activities are partly their responsibility. This funding will help provide additional resources to school districts but will not affect funding for WSD.

CDHL was allocated \$500,000 for minor works projects but no funds for capital. The challenge this biennium is to deal with the unexpected maintenance issues. The majority of the minor works funding will be used for an emergency communication system.

Thanks to Jessica Sydnor and her team for their outstanding work!

Notes:

- CDHL/WSD has hired approximately 20 new staff members this year.
- Allie Joiner attended the grand opening of the Salish Sea Deaf School in Anacortes. Jane Mulholland will be meeting with the director next week to offer support.
- Gallaudet would like CDHL to partner with them on their "bookmark" project which is to develop a quick reference guide for general education teachers working with DHH children for the first time.

Updates from April McArthur (Director of Bilingual Services), Wendy Schlitz (School Counselor), Guthrie Nutter (ASL Specialist/Outreach)

- Welcome to Guthrie Nutter, new ASL Specialist for the Statewide Outreach Team.
 - DAW (Deaf Awareness Week) was held the last full week of September. This year's theme was "Sign Language Rights, Our Children, Can!" Representatives Liz Pike and Lynda Wilson, along with Vancouver City Councilman Jack Burkman were in attendance.
 - Highlights of the week were shared which included a performance and workshops by deaf performer, Dack Virnig.
 - Thanks to Guthrie, Sarah Hafer and Krissy Walker for their hard work setting up this event. What a great week!
 - The goal is for DAW to be a statewide event.
- Social-Emotional Development in Deaf Education
 - Our job as educators is to analyze the different components of the whole child. It is important to see what is overlooked, forgotten, ignored, can't be seen, fluffy stuff, or social norms.
 - 75%-80% DHH children are mainstreamed and 95% are born to hearing parents.
 - Relationships with others is extremely important:
 - Full & equal participants
 - Conversing with ease
 - Feeling respected, accepted, & valued
 - Feeling emotionally safe & supported
 - Being challenged

- Suggested reading: *“Turning the Tide: Making Life Better for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Schoolchildren”* by Gina A. Oliva and Linda Risser Lytle.
 - April McArthur shared her experiences of growing up deaf in a hearing world.
 - Need to work together for a unified voice. CDHL has started this process through their outreach program but there is much work left to be done.
 - Be sure to include hard of hearing children as they are in both worlds and it can be extremely difficult for them to find an identity as they are neither deaf nor hearing.
 - Extremely important that parents are fully informed so they can make well educated decisions for their children.
- The Board always enjoys having April present and give the Board a look into the fantastic work she is doing throughout the state.
 - Wendy Schlitz said that work is in progress on a position statement and a supplemental manual for American School Counselors Association (ASCA) and the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. In April, 2015, 11 individuals representing Gallaudet University School Counseling Program and four schools for the deaf, along with a representative from ASCA, met at Gallaudet for a working weekend to continue revising the position statement and to begin work on a supplemental manual that can be provided to all school counselors, both in the mainstream and deaf schools. At that retreat the representative from ASCA committed to publishing and disseminating the manual once it is finished. The manual will be linked to the ASCA national model for school counseling programs and will propose four additional components and four additional themes related to that unique needs and challenges of DHH students.

Repeal policy 3204: Aversive Interventions

With the passage of Substitute House Bill 1240, CDHL’s policy 3204: Aversive Interventions, should be abolished.

Nancy Fitta moved to abolish policy 3204 (Aversive Interventions). Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

The Board had lunch with new CDHL/WSD staff members.

Common Ground Project agenda item has been postponed until October 30th meeting

Assessment Update (Shannon Graham, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator)

Assessment framework

- ASL
- English
- Math

- New admissions

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

- Testing takes place October & April
- December & January for ESY (Extended School Year) screening

ASL Assessment

- 67% showed growth (half a level or more)
- New students: 6 out of 7 new students showed growth in ASL by half a level or more so far this year.

Future direction

- Strengthen language assessment plan
- Further investigate growth trends
- Maximize MAP reporting features
- Improve storage & dissemination of data

Curriculum Adoption

- 2015/2016: Math (propose & purchase curriculum) and ELA (English Language Arts) (design scope & sequence)

Thanks to Shannon for a very informative presentation.

CEASD Accreditation (Jane Mulholland, Superintendent)

The CEASD Accreditation team will be on campus beginning October 25th. The Board is invited to have dinner with them that evening. The accreditation work will be held October 26-28. The team members are:

- Marcia Volpe, Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
- Tim Kelly, St. Mary's School for the Deaf
- John Serrano, Texas School for the Deaf
- John Cool, Iowa School for the Deaf
- Observer: Lisa Meneian-Cecile from British Columbia

The Board self-study, conducted two years ago, was reviewed and updates made.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:30 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...." The meeting reopened at 1:50 p.m.

Retirements:

- Jane Mulholland will retire on September 1, 2016. Jane said being superintendent of WSD has been her dream job and she is thrilled with what is happening on campus. She also expressed her appreciation of the Board's support over the past eight years.

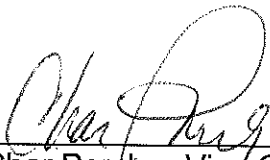
- Bonnie Terada has been WSD and then CDHL's legal counsel since 1988. She will be retiring in April 2016. Bonnie will introduce her predecessor at the January meeting.
- It will be a great loss to WSD and CDHL when Jane and Bonnie retire. Their years of service and dedication to the students and staff of CDHL/WSD are greatly appreciated.

Next Board of Trustees meeting: October 30, 2015 at WSD

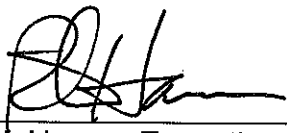
- Suggested agenda items include:
 - Behavior referral data
 - School district reviews
 - Policies – 1st reading

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Char Parsley, Vice-Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees



Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL

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