CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Carol Van Noy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Van Noy, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell
Student Representatives: Ms. Sophie Hunter, Mr. Pascal Nagata

TOLT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION

Tolt Middle School teachers Eric McFarland and Scott Coats brought 8th graders Tempest Edwards and Jackson Beard. Tempest Edwards showed her OneNote online notebook on the Solar System. Her teacher is able to post assignments to students’ notebooks and then the teacher can also access the notebooks and make comments. Tempest likes Microsoft 365 for the following reasons: it saves her work automatically, she has easy access to her files, and there are no hassles, like a flash drive to worry about. What she dislikes is: loading time – sometimes it can take too long and if a student doesn’t have a computer at home, they cannot access their assignments. Sway is another website to use for projects. You can create and share interactive reports, presentations, and it is easy to use. Jackson Beard showed a science simulation that he used in class. It is a manipulative for students to have a better understanding of the subject area. It makes science more fun and is a great tool for visual learners.

Mr. McFarland and Mr. Coats explained their 1:1 teacher perspectives: Little things make the job easier; assignments are stored online and automatically save; assignments don’t get turned in without a name since they are all on OneNote; rarely do they have to find time to make copies; space is unlimited for each student; students prefer typing to handwriting; log-in and start-up are fast; and students can easily access Skyward to check their grades and assignments. Why this is great: It reflects the real world and prepares students for the future; it is easier to differentiate; and it is easier to engage students. The concerns they have are: Staff have different levels of enthusiasm for technology; extensive professional development will be needed for full roll-out showing effective ways to use OneNote; the system needs to be ready to go before the first day of school; health concerns for students using computers all day (eye strain, poor posture); drawing diagrams and writing math equations with a touch screen is doable, but only with a quality stylus; students who have unreliable or no internet access; and students having trouble balancing genuine human interaction. Their observations and thoughts: Teachers have more of a facilitator role and are not the sole provider of information; teachers will have to get used to students learning beyond the scope of their (teachers’) knowledge; and students who finish early can get into trouble; so, the teacher needs to have ways to continue to engage them.
The Board asked, should the district adopt a check-out system for computers? Mr. Coats replied “no, computers should be left in the classroom.” The computers are in great shape after 5 hours per day use, they are virus-free, and new programs can be updated as needed. Mr. McFarland also commented that students can use computers in the school library or the King County library, outside the school day.

Ms. Van Noy thanked the students and teachers for their very informative presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Van Noy congratulated Jenna Farnworth, who was in the audience. Mrs. Farnworth received Q13 Teacher of the Week, which was well deserved and a huge honor!

Ms. Hunter said she started her first sailing practice today, which is a competitive high school circuit for the Pacific Northwest in Seattle. Since Cedarcrest doesn’t have enough students participating, she is on the Samlot team.

Ms. Fletcher just returned from visiting a friend in Nebraska, where she attended a School Board meeting. It was interesting to see the difference between our meetings and a very rural district, which has six Board members.

Mr. Edwards said this past Thursday he met with Congresswoman Suzan Delbene along with members from the Boards from the Northshore, Monroe, Lake Stevens, Everett School Districts and Cascadia Community College. The meeting focused on ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), which is the reauthorized ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act). There was good conversation and dialogue. Now that it has been reauthorized, the biggest concern is how the ESSA will be implemented. Mr. Edwards commented that we are fortunate that Suzan DelBene keeps us informed with what is going on and she is a big proponent for education.

Ms. Oviatt congratulated Peggy Filer, Cedarcrest High School teacher, who received national recognition from the Bully Project, along with Cedarcrest’s Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) and named her Upstander of the Week, which was a well-deserved honor. Our very own student rep, Sophie Hunter, was featured in Epoch Times, which is an independent global news source, headquartered in New York. Ms. Hunter was one of the students featured in the article on RAK. As part of her role as a WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association) Board Director, Ms. Oviatt attended the State Wrestling Tournament and was able to see Parker McBride place third overall. She also commented on the significant losses to significant people in our district over the past week and we are thinking of those families. Ms. Oviatt gave a shout out to Coach Billie Ojeda, who had football players line up and pass out flowers to all the girls as they arrived to school on Valentine’s Day. She also congratulated Josh Budig, CHS student, who earned the Washington CTE Success Award. On the Give Good website, she noted that Cedarcrest teacher Marc Hillestad was nominated in the category of Educational Excellence. His students honored him as a mentor who leads by example. (Continued on next page)
Board Communications (Continued)

Students noted that Mr. Hillestad attended the DECA competition, even though he lost his home in a fire the day before. He was still dedicated to the kids and the students recognized the effort it took to do this, despite challenging personal circumstances.

Mr. Nagata said he watched the Cedarcrest Boys’ Basketball game in the district playoffs against Blaine and they had a close win. Mr. Nagata was also happy to report that he is almost done with physical therapy.

Dr. Smith showed the Board a copy of the Epoch Times with an article featuring Cedarcrest’s Random Acts of Kindness Club.

Ms. Van Noy reported that the Board had a Work Study prior to tonight’s meeting on Strategic Plan Goals for the 2016-17 school year. On Thursday, she and Mr. Edwards had a leadership meeting with Dr. Smith. On Saturday, she was a judge for Cedarcrest’s Science and Engineering Fair. Her two favorite projects were: How to Get Bubble Gum Out of Hair, which showed mayonnaise is 99% effective; and the other was that Meal Worms Actually Eat Styrofoam, which would be good for recycling and sustainability. She said the projects were fabulous. She said being a judge was a great experience and she highly recommends it to anyone that is interested. Ms. Oviatt also mentioned that the Board is looking forward to attending the REF (Riverview Education Foundation) Auction on Saturday.

Hearing of the Public

None – no one signed up to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

A list of routine agenda items were considered in a single motion. Board members received and studied background information on all items.

Motion 16-07: To approve the February 23, 2016, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mrs. Parnell and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Approve of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2016, and Board Work Study Minutes for February 9, 2016.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 198999 through 199097 in the amount of $167,400.85; and direct deposits of $13,805.46. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 199098 through 199103 in the amount of $41,281.82. ASB Fund Warrant No. 199104 through 199117 in the amount of $7,327.07. Total payroll for February 12, 2016, was $33,351.87, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 199118 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $538.85; and direct deposits of $25,818.05.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.
Consent Agenda (Continued)

Approval of Donations.
Ms. Van Noy noted the generous donation by the Cedarcrest PTSA to Cedarcrest High School in the amount of $1,319.42.

BUSINESS

Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Grant Awards Season II

The Riverview Education Foundation announced their Season II Grant Awards to 13 recipients, totaling $19,636.41. Board members from REF came to present the check to the School Board. REF Board members are: Cathy Tiffany, Amy Jacobson, Patricia Koster, DJ Carlson, Paul Censullo, Mike Ward, Kappie Ayers, Sue Davenport, Dustin Green, Laura Know, and Bobbi Nixon. They also announced the retirement of Laura Knox, who has worked with REF for 10 years.

Motion 16-08: To approve the Riverview Education Foundation donation for 13 Season II Grants in the amount of $19,636.41 (Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Van Noy congratulated Ms. Knox on her stepping off the REF Board after 10 years of dedicated service, and thanked the REF Board members for their generous donation.

Transforming Professional Learning Committee Report

Roni Rumsey, Director of Teaching and Learning, had the Professional Learning Committee (PLC) report on transforming professional learning. Committee members in attendance were: Tracie Kelly, Heather Nelson, Roxanne Luchini, Leslie Johnson, Wendy Ward, Colleen Arnold, Sandy Aitken, Katie Switaj, Carol Gould, Stephanie Rosbach, and Roni Rumsey. The committee went through what the old model of professional development looked like and some of the problems. One was our problem of practice – professional learning in Riverview has not provided consistent long-term support (implementation) to impact student learning. If we utilize the Standards for Professional Learning and the Components of a Professional Learning System, then we would expect to realize a more cohesive and aligned professional learning design for teacher growth and student learning. The committee then paired up Board members, student reps, and the superintendent with committee members to explain the standards for professional learning. The standards are: Learning Communities, Leadership, Resources, Data, Learning Design, Implementation, and Outcomes. The work ahead is: delivering more intentional professional development; offering embedded professional learning through the coaching cycle; strengthening communication across the district, buildings, and classrooms; building a sustainable professional learning model; using data from student performance and educator surveys to drives the work; and cooperating with other district to share ideas and move work forward.

Ms. Rumsey acknowledged the hard work this committee had done. They meet from 4-7 PM once a month after school. They no longer use the term “Professional Development (PD)” anymore; it is now called “Professional Learning (PL).”

Dr. Randy Stocker wanted to recognize Roni Rumsey for implementing this work into our district.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Roni Rumsey and the PLC members for their report.
Strategic Plan Updates

Goal 1: Increase the academic achievement of all students.

Object 1D: Use technology to promote student growth.

Task 3: Implement a targeted 1-to-1 laptop pilot program. Paul Censullo, Director of Technology, reported that the 1-to-1 Program is at Tolt Middle School and as was reported by the students and teachers earlier in the meeting, it has been a great success.

Mr. Censullo also reported that he formed a committee called the 1:1 Advisory, which first began meeting in October, they have had 5 meetings so far and visited 5 different school sites. This coming Friday they will be visiting 5 more schools. On March 1st they are having an evening event to share Riverview’s current 1:1 technology pilot work, share a summary of research and school visits, and gather input from the team as part of their long-range planning session. They have invited a representative group of Riverview School District teachers, parents, instructional specialists and administrators, as well as the School Board. Mr. Censullo reported that Karen Mayfield, Technology Integration Specialist, has also been implementing an I-pad program pilot program.

Object 1E: Identify and plan for the Classroom of the Future.

Task 3: Conduct visits to surrounding districts. Mr. Censullo reported that the 1:1 Advisory Program has visited 6 districts and will have visited 10 schools by the end of this week. They have visited Sammamish High School, North Creek High School, Queen Anne Elementary, Kirkland Middle School, and Mercer Island High School. On Friday, they will be visiting Issaquah High School, Creekside Elementary, Cherry Crest Elementary, Rose Hill Middle School, and Alexander Bell Elementary.

Mr. Censullo then went over the nationally accepted definition for Classroom of the Future. Classroom of the Future describes a physical setting that integrates a variety of high performance pedagogies with educational technologies in an appropriate physical layout. The Classroom of the Future has flexible, collaborative, connected learning spaces. He provided pictures of the various schools showing the following: project based learning centers, 1:1 mobile devices, interactive presentation technology, curriculum with a global perspective, and fully blended learning experiences. A common theme of these classrooms are that they encourage the 4C’s of 21st Century Learning: Critical thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, and Communication, which are all represented in the district approved outcomes and indicators. He also showed nearby examples of this, which included Mr. McFarland’s 8th grade science class and Ms. Laverne’s 8th grade math class, both at Tolt Middle School; and Mrs. Freeburg’s 2nd grade class at Cherry Valley. A Classroom of the Future creates the environment to: focus on 21st century outcomes and indicators, personalize student learning, and create complex thinkers, the three district areas of focus adopted by the School Board a year ago.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Mr. Censullo for his update on 1:1 and Classroom of the Future.
Strategic Plan Updates (Continued)

Goal 3: Provide Human Resources and Communication practices to improvements learning.

Objective 3B: Develop and implement the district’s 2016 Communications Plan process.

Task 4: Provide mid-year update on how implementation is being conducted. Mike Ward, Communications, Coordinator, went over the implementation of the short-term recommendations from the Communications Audit:

- Consider making the Communications Coordinator a full-time position beginning in the 2016-17 school year.
- As far as integrating our website with social media posts, photographs, and videos, we are doing this through our social media push, as well as through our district’s Constant Contact newsletters and articles and stories.
- He and Paul Censullo are scheduling a meeting in the next few weeks to discuss setting up School Messenger for immediate notification through texting, and/or robo-calls for important events and breaking news.
- We have multiple platforms where parents can access school information. The suggestion was to develop an app that parents can download to their smartphone. This will be a mid-term to long-term implementation objective.
- Mr. Ward has not yet started the recommendation to develop style sheets and guidelines for district publications, website, and social media. He has worked with Human Resources and the Superintendent’s Office on guidelines and sought counsel on employee social media posts.
- Mr. Ward has expanded district partnerships with community through the following: attending Integrated Emergency Response Team (ERT) training sessions with Duvall Fire, Duvall Police, City of Carnation, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and district administration; attending a meeting with Duvall Public Works and networking with that team during the flooding in December; attendance at a Carnation City Council Meeting; adding him to the RSD 1:1 Advisory Committee; talking with the Give Good Foundation regarding their upcoming Give Good Awards; networking with the Carnation Chamber of Commerce; and being an ex-officio member of Riverview Education Foundation.
- Superintendent messages have support up and down the line from all building principals and district leadership, which help reinforce important news. Working with PTA and parent key communicators will be achieved through the every-other-year implementation of the Ambassador’s Program and following up and maintaining relationships with our Ambassadors.
- School profiles are being published in March 2016.
- The rollout of Office 365, the use of OneNote, and evolving sharing tools and programs are reinventing our intranet capabilities. Internal web content and collaboration are breaking new ground as we move forward in the coming years.

Objective 3C: Cultivate increased community outreach.

Task 9. Investigate ways to utilize Ambassadors to support the district. Mike Ward reported that he has evidence through social media sharing, community involvement, and participation that the Ambassadors are working in all ways positive for the Riverview School District.
Strategic Plan Updates (Continued)

Of the eight Ambassadors, two are members of REF; one has moved from the district; one is a coach and a huge supporter of REF and other district efforts; two remain active in PTSA and other school volunteering efforts; and one is an elected member of the School Board.

Task 10:  Increase translation of important district communication into Spanish (the district’s second-largest population).  Provide metrics on amount of communications translated to the School Board.  Mike Ward reported that this is ongoing and will be addressed in the Communications Plan.  The metrics will be followed up on and will report back either through an email to the Board or at next month’s Board meeting.

Task 11:  Explore opportunities for community partnerships. Mike Ward reported that this is always continuous, ongoing, and increasing.

Dr. Smith commented that Mr. Ward has been going to the schools and interviewing students individually and in groups to create more student voice in communications.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Mr. Ward for his report.

REPORTS

Legislative Report

Mr. Edwards said it has been a pretty normal week. McCleary is not going to be decided in this session, but the legislators are assuring us it will be decided in the next session. The final policy cut-off date is Friday, so it will be really busy. Four items to look at are:

- A bill for a simple majority in bond elections – this bill has been really advocated
- The levy reform (cliff) is coming up and there is a bill to decide if they should postpone it for another year
- Budget updates – on Wednesday the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council met and adopted an updated State Revenue Forecast which was $442 million lower than November’s estimate, which was a surprise
- Addressing teacher shortages (3 bills address this) – a bill to allow retired teachers to work 630 hours per year without affecting their retirement and a bill to increase teacher’s starting pay
Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- Attended the following:
  - Emergency Response Training
  - School visitations
  - Cherry Valley talent show
  - Cedarcrest Science and Engineering Fair – had 145 students participate

- General Items
  - He was videotaped on pathways for students to attend Lake Washington Tech as part of an informational video for students, staff, and parents, featuring superintendents from Lake Washington, Northshore, and Riverview
  - He listed some of the sessions he attended at the AASA (The School Superintendents Association) National Convention, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Van Noy, Board President, recessed the Board meeting at 9:10 PM for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the Superintendent’s mid-year Evaluation.

Ms. Van Noy called the meeting back in session at 9:36 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the February 23, 2016, Board meeting at 9:37 PM.

Carol Van Noy
Board President

Anthony Smith
Board Secretary

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Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.