

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
January 24, 2017
Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

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, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, and Mr. Edwards
Student Representative: Sophie Paradis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Student Representative: Pascal Nagata

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION

Theresa Tenney, President of the Riverview PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) Council, which represents all the PTSAs, came forward. She said their members volunteer in every school, supporting our students and staff with events, grants, and countless hours of tasks in partnership with teachers. Their vision is that every child's potential becomes a reality and their mission is that PTSA is a powerful voice for children; a relevant resource for families, schools, and communities; and a strong advocate for the well-being and education of all children. She personally invited Board members to join one of the local seven PTAs in the district. By doing so, Board members will become part of the state PTSA association and the larger, national PTA. Their voice would then join tens of thousands across Washington and millions across the United States as advocates for children.

January is School Board Appreciation Month and the Riverview PTSA Council was delighted to use this opportunity to celebrate our Riverview School Board. Ms. Tenney thanked each Board member for their hard work in making Riverview School District a great place for our children. They appreciate everything the Board does and were pleased tonight to celebrate the Board with a meal and dessert reception, prepared by our PTSAs, many of which were in attendance tonight. In addition, our PTSAs have contributed to a senior scholarship in the Board's name, as they have done over the past few years. This grant of \$500 will be given to the Snoqualmie Valley Dollars for Scholars Program. This program will choose scholarship applicants from a 2017 graduate from Cedarcrest High School or the Riverview Learning Center who is continuing on to a two-year or four-year post-high school program. Board members are invited to present this scholarship at a senior night event. Finally, the PTSAs gave out thank-you cards to present to each Board member, including Students Reps, Dr. Smith, and Ms. Bechtel. Ms. Tenney said PTSA is happy to have this opportunity to show their gratitude to the Board and even though the official School Board Appreciation Month happens just once a year, please know that PTSA is grateful all year for our amazing Riverview School Board!

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION (Continued)

Ms. Van Noy thanked the PTSAs for their recognition and for the fantastic meal and desserts they supplied. She also wants to invite the PTSA Council to a dinner with the Board at a later date.

Dr. Smith also presented Board members with garden stakes that were made by the students at Cedarcrest. He then explained the process and thanked Seth Thomas for his hard work on making this happen. Dr. Smith also presented Ms. Paradis with her framed certificates for Board of Distinction and Board of the Year.

Ms. Van Noy then presented Dr. Smith and Ms. Bechtel with gifts of appreciation for all they do.

EAGLE ROCK MULTI-AGE STUDENT PRESENTATION

Molly Lutz, Principal at ERMA (Eagle Rock Multi-age Program) came forward with Samantha Letterman, Second/Third Grade Teacher at ERMA. She brought along the following students, who reported on their Martin Luther King, Jr. research project: Kaitlyn Polhemus, Selah Swart, Slater Swart, Irie Rentz, Finn Harmon Hardy, Elliot Harmon Hardy, and Josie Yriondo. For this project, ERMA students were divided into the following groups: Group 1 – Rosa Parks; Group 2 – Civil Rights; Group 3 – Early Childhood; Group 4 – Marches and Protests; Group 5 – I have a dream; Group 6 – Education; Group 7 – Awards; and Group 8 – MLK Influences. They used i-Pads and computers to answer questions on their theme and then had to create a poster that represented their theme, including a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. and people who influences their life. Students showed each of their poster boards and explained why they drew a certain picture or why they chose a quote.

Ms. Van Noy thanked the students for their presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mrs. Parnell had the opportunity to visit the Kent School Board work study on the possibility of adding student representatives to their Board. She also attended Family Night at the Science Fair and was completely blown away by the projects. She has volunteered to judge Science Fair projects at the end of February.

Ms. Paradis presented to middle school students about suicide prevention, attended the Kent School Board work study, participated in soccer, and has been busy keeping her grades up.

Ms. Oviatt congratulated the 2017 Merit Scholars, who are: Lynzee Hoegger, Kenneth Krivanek, and Elliott Leisen. These Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success and are pretty impressive. Congratulations also go out to the district for being only one of three districts nationwide to earn placement for five consecutive years on the College Board's 7th Annual APA District Honor Roll for significant gains in student access and success. Ms. Oviatt also congratulated the Cedarcrest wrestling team, which placed first at the King of the Mountain tournament in Darrington. Ms. Oviatt was saddened to hear about the loss of one of our Cedarcrest students, Julissa Tamayo, to bone cancer and sends condolences to her family.

Board Communications (Continued)

Ms. Oviatt also attended the Kent School Board work study and wished they could present to every school board that doesn't have student representatives on their board, because it really is an awesome opportunity to share with other districts. Ms. Oviatt also reported on some news around the district. Information about kindergarten registration for 2017-2018 has been posted on the district website. She also loves "Busted for Kindness!" posted on the front page of Cedarcrest's website. At Tolt Middle School, there was a Reflections announcement that six of our Thunderbirds placed as finalists in the first round. She is not sure how many advanced after that.

Ms. Fletcher thanked the PTSA for the wonderful food tonight, the praise, and the acknowledgements. It was very nice.

Ms. Bechtel also thanked the PTSA for the delicious food and thanked the Board for the gift cards.

Mr. Edwards attended the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) Legislative Committee meeting, where they are preparing for the upcoming Legislative Assembly. He met with Governor Inslee when he came to Riverview and toured Carnation Elementary and the Riverview Learning Center. It was a very successful event. On Saturday morning, he is headed to Washington, D.C. to attend the NSBA (National School Board Association) Advocacy Institute.

Ms. Van Noy also participated in Governor Inslee's visit and remarked that the Governor met with students from the CLIP (Contracted Learning for Individual Pacing) Program and he was very impressed with their stories. The Governor also met with 24 representatives, which included educators, community leaders, administrators, and parents from Carnation and Duvall.

Ms. Van Noy reported that the Board will be attending the Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 12-13. She also reported that the Board had a work study prior to this meeting on the Superintendent's progress and legislative strategies for the upcoming Legislative Conference.

Ms. Van Noy excused Student Rep, Pascal Nagata, from tonight's meeting, since he is participating in Cedarcrest's basketball team.

Student Rep Report

Ms. Paradis reported on the activities at Cedarcrest High School.

Choir recently attended the house solo and ensemble competition on January 21st and a small ensemble representing our choir performed several pieces. They are awaiting the scores/results from this event to be mailed out. Choir's event, *Fairytales and Frosting*, is on February 11th. Soloists and other choir members dress up and perform as Disney princes/princesses and interact with children as that character. There are two shows on the 11th, the first being at 2:00 pm and the second being at 6:00 pm. The All State Choir will be performing in Bellevue on February 16th, 17th and 18th with Mary Ward representing Cedarcrest at this event.

Cheer has finished preparing their three routines that they will be performing at basketball games and performed at the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. They are super excited to cheer on our boys' and girls' JV and Varsity basketball teams at all their home games and even a few away games!

Student Rep Report (Continued)

Band has a combined concert on January 26th with the 8th grade band from Tolt Middle School joining them. The Band Student Leadership Council is hosting a 24-hour performathon, similar to the event last year, where the band and possibly choir live stream music for a full 24 hours in Cedarcrest's music room. They are looking at tentatively setting a date in February for this event.

DECA had 26 competitors move on to the state level in a total of 22 events. They are currently waiting to hear whether or not the written projects they submitted will make it to state.

ASB was busy planning for the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly last Monday, where the focus was on equality. Each of the foreign language classes sang traditional songs from their individual cultures. Currently they are focused on planning for the Lip Dub and getting a date set. Cedarcrest will be competing against other high schools in this competition. In the future, the Junior ASB class is focused on planning for TOLO; while the Senior ASB class is focused on Powder Puff.

Stealth Robotics attended the debuting of the new FRC game and are working to develop a strategy for this year's game called Steamworks. They are also busy creating the base for their robot, as build season is currently underway. The last FTC match was held on January 15th, so last minute adjustments were made on the final two FTC robots. Unfortunately, the teams ended up just missing the cutoff to move on to Super-Regionals.

TSA has chosen officers for the new calendar year, which were announced recently to the student body. The members representing the Cedarcrest TSA Chapter at state have been chosen. The Super Smash Bros Competition will take place today after school with the proceeds going to The American Cancer Society.

RAK is starting their annual Bead Buddies fundraiser for this year with the proceeds be going to the Julissa Tamayo fund. Miracle league bowling will also take place on February 11th, as Miracle League Baseball and Basketball have already taken place

FFA is currently working on partnering with the National Guard for the FFA week food drive. They also have a seed exchange going on and their monthly chapter meeting is coming up. There will be a hockey night for the initiation of their first year members.

National Honors Society does not have too much going on at the moment, since there aren't many volunteer opportunities going on right after the holidays. They are planning their induction ceremony for new members and are still trying to find other volunteer work from the community. Also, their next major event is the change drive, which will take place during spring.

Link Crew has recently passed out sheets about goals to the freshmen advisories, which follows similar ones that were given before winter break. These papers had students write down how their goals were doing, their schedule, and how the events in their schedule were affecting their goals, whether it was positively or negatively. As second semester is occurring, the Link Leaders are doing fewer events for the freshmen to participate in during advisory, since they are getting the hang of the high school experience.

Student Rep Report (Continued)

Suggestions for Improvements to the District Brought up by Cedarcrest Students: Have students always line up for fire drills by their advisory teacher to avoid confusion.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Paradis for her report.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 17-03: To amend Consent Agenda, Item D. Personnel Actions, to reflect current changes; and add Consent Agenda Item F. Cedarcrest High School Student Fees for 2017-2018, (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

Kathleen Norris and Laura Mills came forward to express their concern about the start and end times proposed for ERMA (Eagle Rock Multi-age) next year. By pushing the start time from 9:25 AM to 9:35 AM with dismissal at 3:50 PM, some students won't arrive home until 5:00 PM, which does not allow for much family time. They both agree that having the middle school and high school start later makes sense, but it is harder for ERMA students, since they are starting later than the other elementary schools. They suggest having the elementary times switched with the middle school times.

Dr. Smith said the district will revisit having ERMA starting at the same time as the other elementary schools. Transportation issues have been an obstacle and one way to solve this is to go from a Tier 3 bus system to a Tier 2 system. This would require purchasing more buses. As far as switching the elementary times with the middle school times, activities and sports at the middle school would be thrown off schedule with competing districts. He will contact the Transportation Department to see if it is possible to have ERMA on the same schedule as the other elementary schools next year.

Ms. Van Noy thanked them for coming to the meeting and suggests if they have further questions, please contact Dr. Smith.

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 17-04: To approve the January 24, 2017, Consent Agenda, as amended (Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for January 10, 2017.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 202249 through 202305 in the amount of \$68,518.80 and No. 202316 through 202364 in the amount of \$99,303.69; and direct deposits of \$9,128.83, \$26,895.01, and \$1,860.54 for a total of \$37,884.38. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 202306 through 202308 in the amount of \$34,734.43 and No. 202365 through 202366 in the amount of \$62,010.10; and direct deposits of \$92.77, \$27.92, and \$51.78 for a total of \$172.47.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Warrants (Continued)

ASB Fund Warrant No. 202309 through 202314 in the amount of \$2,797.75; and No. 202367 through 202373 in the amount of \$3,798.85; and direct deposits of \$108.45. Total payroll for January 13, 2017, was \$14,051.43, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 202315 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$48.09; and direct deposits of \$3,990.31.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Mr. Edwards noted that he wishes Mike Ruhland well as he recovers from back surgery. Ms. Van Noy acknowledged the retirements of Deanna Schneider, Program Assistant at Transportation for 28 years, and Jamie Latta, 3rd grade teacher at Cherry Valley for 6 years.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Budget Status Reports for November 2016 and December 2017.

Approval of Cedarcrest High School Fees for 2017-2018.

BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Updates

Goal 1: Increase the academic achievement of all students.

Objective 1A. Develop a collaborative process integrating department perspectives to focus on student outcomes.

Task 3: Align all professional learning to department initiatives. Roni Rumsey, Director of Teaching and Learning, first reported that the feedback from the January 13th training for all teachers, including administrators, was very positive and she continues to get feedback on how great it was and how well our trainers performed. Some professional learning opportunities completed so far are:

- Administration Retreat
- Summer Teacher Institute
- Powerful Learning Conference
- Center for Collaborative Support Online Book Study

The course titles offered in the district include the following: Rich Math Tasks to Support Student Learning; Learning and Leading with iPads; Using Office 365, OneNote and Online Resources for Teaching and Learning; General Education Teacher Role in Special Education, Beyond Turn and Talk; 3 Act tasks: Bringing Math to Life; Grading for Student Achievement; Learning Focused Supervision, GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design); Mathematical Mindset Book Study; and several other titles.

Task 4: Continue work of three-year plan for collaborative work among Teaching and Learning, Technology, and Student Services. Roni Rumsey reported that the work of the Professional Learning Leaders (PLLs), Instructional Technology Leaders (ITLs), Title I Lead, English Learner Specialists, and Special Services Professional Learning Leader has successfully moved this task.

Strategic Plan Updates (Continued)

All professional learning has been designed with all stakeholders providing input as to how specific populations of students will benefit or what strategies might be used to assist students. As a result, professional learning is beginning to be done as a Teaching and Learning Department, rather than three separate departments. Directors continue to meet regularly to discuss and create additional opportunities to align their work.

Ms. Van Noy asked Ms. Rumsey if she had a written copy of the three-year plan and Ms. Rumsey replied not at this time. Ms. Van Noy commented that she hopes there is a plan written out that can be shared with the incoming Director of Teaching and Learning.

Task 5: Continue work of District level specialist PLC (Professional Learning Community). Roni Rumsey, reported that we have added the Instructional Technology Specialist, Student Services Professional Learning Leaders, Title 1 Lead and an additional English Language Specialist. Team building work was the focus of initial meetings. Due to the roll-out of technology initiatives, we have spent much time developing learning opportunities for staff. All members of the group provide input and help with delivery of learning opportunities on district-directed professional learning days.

Objective 1B. Improve student growth for all student in all areas.

Task 1: Align Smarter Balanced assessment results. Roni Rumsey reported that preliminary results were analyzed with administrators in August and used for individual School Improvement Planning. A work study conducted by Greg Lobdell and Marilyn McGuire from the Center for Educational Effectiveness was held on December 13th during a School Board Work Study.

Task 2: Refine and improve assessment system. Roni Rumsey reported the process will continue through the next few years as high stakes testing requirements become the same for all graduating seniors. Work to meet the assessment needs of the district, building, and teacher continue to be discussed. Moving forward, as time allows, it will be important to build time for teachers to understand the purpose of the different types of assessments, who should be using that assessment, and how to effectively use the assessment for more than compliance.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Rumsey for her Strategic Plan updates.

Goal 2: Provide a financial process, business practices, and safe facilities to support the improvement of student learning.

Objective 2D. Continue to conduct reviews of the School Board's policies.

Task 3: Develop the "fourth cycle" policies review process. Sandy Bechtel, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, reported that she is still reviewing policies from the 2000 series, Instruction and Curriculum. This should be completed within the next couple of months. Once this is complete, she will be able to begin on the 3000 series, Students. She has also been updating procedures as needed and will continue to review policy update recommendations from WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association).

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Bechtel for her update.

REPORTS

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He has been into buildings more with Learning Walks, most recently at Stillwater Elementary and Tolt Middle School.
- He conducted the third Cherry Valley and Stillwater Boundary Review Committee meeting.
- Earlier tonight he was able to work with some parents attending the English classes offered for ESL parents in the district.
- He has been working with REACA (Riverview Extracurricular Activities and Coaches Association) negotiations, with two sessions completed so far. It has been going spectacularly well and is a very collaborative process.
- He attended the Puget Sound Educational Service District Levy Cliff press conference at Renton High School, to underscore the severity and complications of the levy cliff that is coming out. That message to delay the levy cliff was heard loud and clear.
- He was selected as Rotarian of the Month by the Rotary Club of Duvall. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and he thanked Rotary for all the amazing things they do for the community and school district.
- The theme for last few weeks had been weather issues. He thanked the 8-member team that gets up early in the morning to check on road conditions if there is even a chance that there might be some weather problems. He appreciates their dedication in notifying people through staff phone trees, Constant Contact, district website, and text alerts. He thanked the Technology Department for the great job is getting text alerts set up, which parents seem to really like.
- He enjoyed Governor Inslee's visit to Riverview and said he was very impressed, not only with the budget he put out in December, but the way he listened and was truly inspired by our students' stories and our staff. It was a very inspiring visit and it was great to hear from First Lady, Trudy Inslee.
- He attended the awesome Cedarcrest's Diversity Assembly that have involvement by about 275 students.
- He met with Maria Mahowald and Ruby Perez regarding an upcoming table top drill with administrators on a natural disaster.
- He attended, along with Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, Sophie Paradis, and Pascal Nagata, the Kent School Board work study and said our student representatives did an awesome job.
- He met with the Calendar Committee where they decided on Day 9 for teachers for technology training for 2017-18 and 2018-19. These dates will be shared and added to the staff calendars.
- He and Nikum Pon have been working on equity and access. He thanked Dr. Pon for presenting for him at the Puget Sound Educational Service District's Superintendent's meeting, which occurred on the same date as Governor Inslee's visit to Riverview.
- On last Saturday he attended the Cedarcrest Equestrian Club's competition in Lyndon. It was great to interact with the students, which is giving more students an opportunity to get involved.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

RECESS

Ms. Van Noy recessed the regular Board meeting at 8:16 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's contract extension

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Superintendent Contract Extension

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Van Noy called the meeting back to order at 8:26 PM. There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the January 24, 2017, Board meeting at 8:27 PM.

Carol Van Noy

Board President

Dr. Anthony J. Smith

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors