

Olympia School District

Cabinet Notes

January 23, 2014

Board Agenda Review for Jan. 27 at Boston Harbor: Focus on Boston Harbor by Michael Havens; Board Recognition (Board Recognition Month) by Michael H. and others; Highly Capable Program presentation by Linda Heade; Personnel Co-op Report by Joe B.; Purchase Agreement with Sunnyside S.D. for lower-cost computers by Jennifer P. and Ron Morsette; Muirhead Property Update by Jennifer P.

Board Agenda Review for Feb. 10 at Knox: Entertainment Explosion presentation by EE representatives and Dick C.; Highly Capable Program presentation by Linda Heade; Math Adoption Update by Debbi H. and Math Adoption Committee members.

Upcoming Study Sessions and events: Study sessions ahead are: Intervention Programs at elementary schools on March 3; Optional Programs on March 17. In addition, the annual TOGETHER! Champions for Kids Dinner is coming up March 24. Our district's 2014 nominee is Donna McPeak from Capital High School. Dick C., Chris Woods and others will be present at the dinner to support Donna.

Joint meeting with City Council: Each year the OSD holds a joint meeting with the Olympia City Council. The date for this year's meeting was originally set for April 21; there has been a conflict so the meeting date is now TBA. When we do meet, likely topics will include school resource officers, the growth around Centennial Elementary and a construction outlook.

Suicide Intervention: Nancy F. shared a draft OSD protocol for school-based suicide intervention. This plan will standardize the process and protocols to follow when the risk of suicide has been raised. This information will be shared with building leaders and counselors once it is finalized.

Avanti Classroom: Avanti needs an additional classroom for the second half of the year. Cabinet discussed possibilities. Jennifer P. will talk with her staff about how we can make the Avanti break room on Knox's second floor into a classroom. We are looking at other options for an Avanti staff room area.

School Year Calendar: Nancy F. presented rough outlines of calendars for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. Cabinet looked at dates for the major events, including spring and winter breaks. The group engaged in a discussion around August training dates. The goal is to get critical dates locked in early so principals can begin planning their own staff training dates. Dick will consult with other local districts to see what dates they are exploring for major events in for the year ahead.

Bargaining Update: Joe B. provided an overview of bargaining to date. He will keep the group posted as things progress.

Nursing Staff: Cabinet engaged in a discussion about nursing resources in schools and the responsibilities that come with those roles. At the next Cabinet meeting Joni W. and Jeff Carpenter will provide more details about specific nursing responsibilities.