

Olympia School District

Cabinet Notes

March 6, 2014

Board Agenda Review for March 10 at Knox: Superintendent's Contract by Board; Policy 1400 (school board meetings) by Dick C.; Highly Capable Recommendations by Dick C.; Data Dashboard by Alice B.; Enrollment Update by Jennifer P.; Legislative Budget Update by Jennifer P.

Board Agenda Review for March 31 at Madison: Levy Wrap-up and Community Thanks by Dick C.; Focus on Madison by Domenico Spatola-Knoll; ORLA ASB Presentation by Joy Walton Kawasaki and ORLA students; OHS Walkway Naming by OHS Student; Social Workers Report by Joni Wolpert and staff; 2014-15 School Year Calendar by Nancy F.; District Revenue Projection by Jennifer P.

Upcoming Study Sessions and events: Optional Programs study session at 6:30 p.m. on March 17; TOGETHER! Champions for Kids Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on March 24; South Sound Reading Foundation "Readers are Leaders" Breakfast at 7 a.m. on April 17. Joint Meeting with the Olympia City Council (date TBD).

Middle School Math Pathway: At a recent middle school principals' meeting there was a discussion about middle school math. Some kids are skipping two years of math instruction to make it into Geometry. As a result, they will miss much of the common core instruction that is critical as we enter Smarter Balanced Testing next year. There will be an additional meeting to discuss how to handle this issue in the upcoming school year and how this fits with the Highly Capable recommendations.

GA Meeting March 18: Our district-contracted attorney Val Hughes will be at the GA meeting (at 9 a.m.) to answer legal questions submitted previously by staff. The meeting will take place at the Methodist Church across the street from Knox due to Avanti testing going on in the Knox board room that morning. Principals will meet afterward (around 11 a.m.) with Val to ask building-specific questions.

T-PEP Review with Teachers, Principals: Cabinet reviewed feedback from the recent elementary and secondary teacher/principal T-PEP meetings. The team discussed what types of follow-up support and materials (especially around student growth goals) we can provide to teachers and administrators. We will continue the discussion around T-PEP at the August retreat.

CIO Interview Process: The Chief Information Officer position posted March 5. Joe walked through a draft selection process. The goal is to be able to present a final candidate to the board by mid-April. This is a key position and we will be seeking ways to include numerous stakeholders in the process.

Other: The district is planning a quality review of our policies, procedures, training and implementation regarding harassment, intimidation and bullying in order to continuously improve in this area.