

**Washington Association of Secondary School Principals
Representative Council Meeting
WIAA Building, Renton
March 21, 2009**

MINUTES

Members Present: Thu Ament, Phil Brockman, Kris Brynildsen-Smith, Mike Colbrese, Kurt Criscione, Nancy Faaren, Chris Gavin, Deborah DeKalb, James Hester, Dave Holmes, Barbara Kline, Dave Lehnis, Mark Marney, Carole Meyer, Damien Pattenaude, Vicki Puckett, Jennifer Shaw, Brad Sprague, Randy Taylor, Mike Torres, Richard Zimmerman

Members Absent: Matt Cobb, Beth Daneker, Brian Ellis, Robert Gary, Tom Gresch, Mike Hagadone, Ted Howard, Boyd Keyser, Doug LaMunyan, Karen Larsen, Aaron Leavell, Kevin Lusk, Glenn Martin, Heather Miller, Jeff Miller, John Polm, Scott Seaman, Bob Shacklett, Ken Schutz, Jeff Snell, Brian Vance, Beth VanderVeen, Jim Wright

Guest Present: Mike Kelly (filling in for Brian Vance)

Presenters: Dan Newell, Randy Spaulding, Kathe Taylor

Staff Present: Bob Mc Mullen, Gary Kipp, Jerry Bender, Linda Thomas

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Brockman at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deborah DeKalb was introduced as the new Smaller Schools Representative. As Rep Council members introduced themselves, they shared what financial impact budget cuts are having in their districts and how they are dealing with it. The overall consensus is that the impact is substantial and is resulting in loss of teaching and administrative positions. Districts are exploring ways in which to cut costs. State Superintendent Randy Dorn's office is anticipating a loss of 3,000-4,000 teaching positions for 2009-10.

Legislative Update

Jerry Bender gave the bleak outlook of the state facing a \$9B deficit. About half of the state's \$33B budget is protected and can't be touched to offset the deficit. The state is obligated to continue health care programs, but education is taking a hit in most areas. The state is waiting to hear what the rules are for use of federal stimulus money.

There is a bill on the table now regarding online learning. Right now the principal decides if credits earned online will be accepted toward a diploma. If the bill passes, OSPI will probably be the one that makes that decision. Many of these online credits are not up to standard.

Bill 2119 addresses the issue of dual credits with Running Start, AP, IB, tech prep classes. The SBE and HEC Board are trying to write some rules around this issue.

Graduation without a certificate – Student will be required to take the math credits, but won't have to take the WASL (The law now says they must take the WASL.) If a student went to a private school during 9th grade, but is now in a public school, will he/she be required to take the WASL as a senior?

Feedback Loop – CORE 24

The Core 24 Task Force met in early March to begin work on the implementation process. Twenty people sit on the task force, including Jennifer Shaw, CTE directors, teachers and central office personnel. Jennifer's sense is that with the work already done, CORE 24 will be implemented. Steve Del Porto, and Jack Schuster are leading the group. A general consensus is it's better to help implement the plan rather than have someone else make those decisions. The Task Force is scheduled to meet all through next year.

As a suggestion for discussion, could high schools and middle schools corroborate to offer classes for credit at the middle level that would align with graduation requirements? Further discussion is needed, though, on clarification of what is a credit. What is the standard for a credit?

On March 24 there is a meeting on meaningful high school diploma. Jennifer Shaw will attend. The HEC Board will be presenting.

Committee & Liaison Reports

1. WIAA ~ Mike Colbrese stressed that in these tough times, it is important for everyone to work together. WIAA is looking at ways to help you, the principal. There is no single answer that fits all districts. Gate receipts are up; however, if seasonal activities are cut, will they be restored when funding permits? An additional concern is the reclassification of leagues. There are so many changes each year, which causes instability. WIAA is prepared to face challenges with WASA, WSSDA and AWSP.
2. Smaller Schools ~ Deborah DeKalb said they do feel pretty remote in small schools. She is looking forward to the interaction with Rep. Council members.
3. HECB ~ Randy Spaulding provided copies of their 10-year Strategic Master Plan. Randy said while working on this last year, they knew a crises was coming, but hope things will turn around during this 10-year timeframe. Some of their focus will be on creating a “college-going” culture, getting kids ready for college and to engage students so they will stay in college until they graduate.

AWSP Business

Executive Director Gary Kipp reported on the work of the Full Funding Coalition, creating prototype schools – one for each level. An average high school would look something like this:

A school with 600 kids would have x # of building administrators, x # of teachers – other criteria would be laid out.

All agreed that Core 24 – a 6-hour day should be a part of the high school prototype.

A review group will be established to review new legislation on funding policies.

Business Operations

1. **On a motion by Nancy Faaren and second by Randy Taylor the Minutes from January 25, 2009, were approved as presented.**
2. 2009 Elections
The current position openings on the WASSP Executive Committee include Westside Second-Vice President and NASSP Coordinator. Duties for each position were reviewed.
3. 2008-09 WASSP budget
Vicki Puckett reported on the current financial status. Dues for 2009-10 will be \$779, of which \$65 comes to WASSP. Membership is stable, with most districts providing for membership in their administrator contracts.
4. When the Executive Committee met, they discussed ways to provide more support to Rep. Council members. One suggestion was that WASSP provide funds for Rep. Council members to attend a professional development workshop – Tim Waters’ *School Leadership that Works*. This is the model that Bob Mc Mullen is using with about 100 SIA principals. The 6-hour workshop will be offered on June 28 in conjunction with WASA/AWSP Summer Conference. The Executive Committee proposes that WASSP pay the \$150 registration fee for 40 Rep. Council members for a total of \$6,000. **A motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Brad Sprague to authorize WASSP to spend up to \$6,000 for Rep. Council members to attend. Passed.**

Book Share

The following books were reviewed:

Randy Taylor – *On Common Ground* by Richard DuFour, Robert Eaker, Rebecca DuFour

Mike Hagadone -*Pyramid Response to Intervention* by Austin Buffum, Mike Mattos, Chris Weber

Barbara Kline – *Management* (Revised Edition) by Peter Drucker

Damien Pattenaude – *15 Things Great Principals do Differently* by Todd Whitaker

Jim Wright, Tom Gresch, Richard Zimmerman, Kurt Criscione, Brian Vance and Mark Marney will review a book at the June meeting.

Meeting Adjourned – 1:13 p.m.

The professional development session commenced immediately with presentations by:

1. Joe Willhoft, OSPI, the changes in assessment testing
2. Kathe Taylor, SBE, CORE 24 implementation
3. Dan Newell, OSPI, three-year math requirement

3.5 clock hours were provided to attendees.

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