

**Washington Association of Secondary School Principals
Representative Council Meeting
Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane
Friday, June 26, 2009**

MINUTES

Members Present: Thu Ament, Phil Brockman, Matt Cobb, Kurt Criscione, Brian Ellis, Nancy Faaren, Robert Gary, Tom Gresch, Mike Hagedone, Aaron Leavell, David Lehnis, Glenn Martin, Carole Meyer, Heather Miller, Dan Newell, John Polm, Vicki Puckett, Scott Seaman, Bob Shacklett, Ken Schutz, Jennifer Shaw, Brad Sprague, Randy Taylor, Brian Vance, Beth VanderVeen, Richard Zimmerman

Members Absent: Kris Brynildsen-Smith, Mike Colbrese, Beth Daneker, Deborah DeKalb, Chris Gavin, Jim Hester, Dave Holmes, Ted Howard, Boyd Keyser, Barbara Kline, Doug LaMunyan, Karen Larsen, Kevin Lusk, Mark Marney, Jeff Miller, Damien Pattenaude, Jeff Snell, Randy Spaulding, Jon Tienhaara, Mike Torres, Jim Wright

Guests Present: State Superintendent Randy Dorn, Ricardo Sanchez (HECB)

Staff Present: Gary Kipp (partial), Jerry Bender (partial), Jennifer Fellingner (partial), Bob Mc Mullen, Linda Thomas

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Brockman at 10:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OSPI Report

State Superintendent Randy Dorn was introduced. He spoke briefly to Rep. Council members, giving updates on the WASL replacement test. The test time will be shortened by 50%. Online testing will be phased in.

Special education funding will continue at the current funding level. Because of the financial impact of the stimulus money allocated to Special Ed. and ELL programs, the estimated number of lost teaching positions has been substantially reduced to about 2,000 FTE.

Role Changes/WASSP Election

A motion was made by John Polm, seconded by Richard Zimmerman and unanimously passed to:

- **accept the executive committee's appointment of Ken Schutz to another 3-year term as the WASSP NASSP Coordinator;**
- **accept the executive committee's appointment of Mark Marshall to a 3-year term as the WASSP At Large Representative and**
- **approve WASSP Bylaw changes.**

A slate of westside candidates for 2nd Vice President was presented to the Rep. Council. Candidates are Mike Hagedone, White River HS principal and Scott Seaman, Tumwater HS principal. **A motion was made by Ken Schutz and seconded by Randy Taylor to approve the ballot as presented. Unanimously passed.**

Feedback Loop

Beth VanderVeen is currently serving on a 2-year NASSP Task Force to reevaluate IDEA. The Task Force is made up of principals from all parts of the United States. Beth recommends reading the IDEA portion of the Bering Strait SD, Alaska, website <http://www.bssd.org/> as it is the model for their work.

Question of the Month: Pass/Fail or Pass/No Credit grading options

Results of the survey were included in the agenda packet. In the box below is the Snoqualmie Valley SD policy as provided by Randy Taylor.

Pass/Fail Option

A student may register for the Pass/Fail option for one elective class per semester. Required classes may not be taken Pass/Fail. The Pass/Fail option must be declared and arranged with an agreement between the student, parent and teacher during the first 15 days of the semester. The deadline for changing from Pass/Fail to a letter grade is 15 days before the end of the semester, unless the teacher and student make other arrangements.

Book Share

The following people shared books at the June meeting:

- Kurt Criscione: *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- Thomas Gresch: *The Extraordinary Leader* by John Zenger & Joseph Folkman
- Mark Marney: *A Repair Kit for Grading: 15 Fixes for Broken Grades* by Ken O'Connor
- Brian Vance: *Instructional Rounds in Education* by Elizabeth City, Richard Elmore, Sarah Fiarman and Lee Teitel
- Richard Zimmerman: *The Nordstrom Way to Customer Service Excellence* by Robert Spector and Patrick McCarthy
- Bob Mc Mullen: *Better* by Atul Gawande

The following names were drawn to share books at the October meeting: Thu Ament, Nancy Faaren, Robert Gary, Glenn Martin, Ken Schutz, Scott Seaman, Jim Wright

Committee & Liaison Reports

1. **Student Leadership** – Heather Miller reported that leadership camps are in full swing, having experienced the highest registration numbers ever. Cispus camps are full while registration for cheer camps are somewhat down. Some of the middle level camps in August are still open.
2. **HEC: College Readiness Update** – Ricardo Sanchez, Director of Academic Affairs, reported four pilots are under way with English and science college readiness frameworks. The intention is to smooth student transition from high school to college.
3. **NASSP** – Ken Schutz reported that this is the last year NASSP will participate in the National Leaders' Conference. The plan is for NASSP to use the available financial resources to support the development of more meaningful region meetings.

NASSP Region VII Meeting - hosted by Alaska, will be held in Seattle Sept 26-28. The Executive Committee recommends that WASSP send the NASSP Coordinator, President, President-elect and both 2nd vice president candidates to this meeting.

4. **Alternative Schools** – Brad Sprague reported that the Alternative Schools Association (WALA) has presented an assessment plan to Superintendent Dorn to address the issue of finding different ways alternative students can graduate.

The WALA is holding a series of mini conferences throughout the state, designed to meet the needs of each area. Two issues to be exploring are online schools and documentation.

Business Operations

A motion was made by Bob Shacklett and seconded by Brian Vance to approve the March 21, 2009, Meeting Minutes as presented. Unanimously passed.

Vicki Puckett presented the proposed WASSP budget for 2009-10. She noted that adjustments were made in anticipation of a drop in membership because of budget reductions. Additionally, WASSP's contribution to the Outdoor Learning Centers remains the same as last year. **On a motion from Randy Taylor and second by Aaron Leavell, the proposed budget was unanimously approved as was the recommendation by the Executive Committee to send five people to the Region VII meeting.**

Communications Report

Jennifer Fellingner reviewed some new features on the AWSP Web site:

1. The Job Seekers Resources contains sample résumés as well as sample interview questions and answers.
2. The Principals Handbook has new sample letters.
3. The Treasure Chest is a soon to be added feature. It will store helps and ideas on specific topics selected by feedback or requests from members. The first topic will be on building school climate. The second may be on classroom instructional use of cell phones. Jennifer would like feedback from anyone who can provide their district's policy on this issue. AWSP office will ask members for periodic feedback on topics to add to the Treasure Chest.
4. Awsp.org now has the capability to publish videos. Jennifer is looking for ideas and principals to invite her to come to their schools to video tape learning sessions or discussions.

Legislative Update

Jerry Bender presented the Legislative Platform for 2009-10. He noted:

1. Senate Early Learning and K12 Education committee meets throughout the year.
2. Work is being done with highly capable student programs.
3. Information is being compiled about gangs for parent use.
4. There is a concern that many districts lack the technical capability for administering online assessment tests.
5. The dropout rate is a high priority on the legislative task list.

Jerry is encouraging and is willing to help arrange for any principal groups to meet with their legislators. They are available any time other than during the Legislative session.

Meeting adjourned 4:25

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