

Wenatchee School District Board of Directors



Board Workshop April 15, 2019 Minutes 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. WSD District Office

Board Members

Sunny Hemphill, President
Laura R. Jaecks, Vice President
Sarah Knox, DLT Board Representative
Michele Sandberg
Karina Vega-Villa

Staff Present

Brian Flonas, Superintendent
Cabinet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME:

Board President Sunny Hemphill

Supt Flonas gave a summary of how the training will take place. Deputy Supt. Jon DeJong was present to answer questions.

DATA DASHBOARD TRAINING:

Supt. Flonas, Deputy Supt. Jon DeJong and Ron Brown, Director of Instructional Technology provided the training.

Supt Flonas gave a summary of how the training will run. Deputy Supt. Jon DeJong was present to answer questions and suggestions.

Summary points of training:

- Mr. Brown explained the front page, how to maneuver through the Strategic Plan. Supt. Flonas suggested hovering over the page to demonstrate how to find the data that is embedded in the charts and graphs. Dashboard familiarity was the purpose of today's training so the board can more easily find data.
- The data has most of last year's final data, new data in entered as it comes in, but usually a year behind current year.
- They maneuvered through Strategy I, key metrics are built into the system.
- Some board members suggested additional links that would be helpful.
- Mr. Brown has built a tutorial to make it user-friendly if not on site he will re-post it for convenience. We also have a help-desk that is available for the public to ask questions.
- Questions of how it is displayed... how the information comes from the state drives the presentation. Link issues are being worked on by our provider.
- Some of the posted data was labeled in negative statements rather than positive statements; ie., Number failing -vs- Number passing. Those were reworded.
- Questions answered about the programs and the data reported, how much is included, WVTSC data not in some areas, where it is not applicable.
- Request to see the numbers of the CTE or WVTSC job shadows, internships, data is gathered but not in this granular data. That data is available, and will be online. Wenatchee Connect information is available on their website, which will cover these areas.
- There are 17-Key performance measured areas & indicators, how much is too much and how much is enough and how much too little was discussed.
- Discussion on which Strategy to go through, it was decided to use Strategy 4 with 4 Objectives. They perused through test scores on elementary.
- Some of the links are not linking correctly. Discussion of using web design class students, possibility of them checking links. Mr. Brown appreciates any feedback on broken links.
- WA-Kids state data is available and we can incorporate it into our data, figuring this out on how to display is difficult because it is so complex.
- Working time taken to maneuver through Dashboard, how to find sites and data, objectives etc.
- Dashboard prefers Chrome browser rather than Safari, sometimes the site will not co-operate.
- Growth indicators on state OSPI is a year behind, good information but not updated. We don't have that one displayed on our site.
- Some information can be displayed but including domains would be huge and more confusing than helpful, that is why we do not have it.

- When you live in this data it is easily understood. But if we are trying to update our Strategic Plan, but including 75 indicators would be a little much for the lay-person, so we will want to tweak it to be understandable.
 - The board suggested that we have it more simple and to the point so the public can go to our website and decide where they want their children to go to school, private, charter or public.
 - We can display all our internal information, or not... Could it be too much for public and super important to internal staff.
 - Board discussed that we want to be open to public but maybe we can have data in a more simple form for the layperson. Other districts are following that model.
 - There is no “one-way” or “serve-all” that makes sense because so much of it that is displayed only educators can understand.
 - Mediation-rates discussed, it is there as background data. But it can be brought out more available, board will figure out where they want it to show-up.
 - Mr. Brown asked the board to let him know what they want to see and after meeting with Dr. Gordon and they discuss the Strategic Plan, we can change some of data that is more available.
 - Maneuvered through the behavior data: Male, Female, Special Ed, Ethnicity, etc. , information pulled daily and added.
 - Functionality of shortcuts and clickable links were shared with the board.
 - Data map discussed; owner, data source, frequency, input process, how to pull data. The more involved the data the more it becomes complex.
 - Mr. Brown sent a link to the board to view assessment data, using a short link. You must have WSD account to enter. Leadership and Principals have access to all this information. This is not public information because individual student info is available.
 - This is all the data that the educators at WSD use to follow their areas. This is formative assessments showing results, not public friendly. This is confidential information by FERPA laws, not to be shared. Mr. Brown perused through the site.
 - Mr. Brown offered help from his department. The board thanked everyone for all the help. He welcomes input and suggestions that the board has from other districts. We have been copied because there is not a lot out there. We have searched the country for examples also to get better ideas and continual improvement.
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- Spanish translation is not working on Google Mr. Brown will check into it, we have been intentional to have it available. Very quickly we will be able to provide that service. Mr. Brown will let Supt. Fiones know and he will contact the board. Some districts use Board Docs but it is expense. WSSDA uses Board Docs also. A lot of systems out there can give us solutions. Mr. Brown will do that tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Sunny Hemphill adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

President

Superintendent

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