

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 14, 2023

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in a Study Session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the Mountainview Elementary School library, 830 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream <https://youtube.com/live/YY3maF37ai4?feature=share>

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Mark Mochel, and Mark Strong.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 6:00 p.m., President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Communications: There was no communication to report.

Discussion Item(s): Data Summit

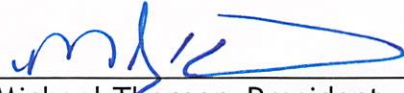
Dr. Finch and Stacey Drake reviewed data from fall to winter. In addition, there was a new data set provided recently by the Washington Student Achievement Council regarding FAFSA completion (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Dr. Finch shared that this information is a leading indicator so we will focus on increasing the number of seniors who have completed their FAFSA. The current completion rate is 42%. Another focus will be providing information about financial aid supported by Washington State. Federal financial aid includes Pell Grants. Washington State has increased financial aid for students via the College Bound Scholarship and the WA Grant. About 50% of our students in West Valley are eligible for the College Bound Scholarship since it is based on free/reduced meal rate. In addition, the WA Grant provides financial aid for families who do not qualify for the College Bound Scholarship. A student from a family of four that makes up to \$107,000 could be eligible for WA Grant assistance.

Items Arising: No items were arising.

Adjournment: The Study Session adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President