

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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, December 13, 2022, in the Summitview Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 6305 W. Chestnut Ave, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# <https://youtu.be/jz3hpHKM6ro>.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Special Education Coordinator Kevin Brennan, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 6:05 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Strong 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 past school years, summer school data, and the iReady Reading and Math data for Grades K-8 from this fall.

Overall, scores in West Valley are better than state averages and national averages. We continue to have inequitable results for student achievement when the data are disaggregated. Summer school made a positive impact when comparing spring scores to fall scores, especially with regards to math. HS Accuplacer data was encouraging as about 40% of this year's 10th grade students met the college placement standard and over 50% of this year's 11th and 12th grade students met the standard for placement in college level math. We will discontinue the Reading Accuplacer assessment at the high school as it is no longer used by CWU for placement.

West Valley continues to make progress with inclusion by increasing the percentage of students with IEP's who are served in the general education setting for 80% or more of their school day. Over the past three years, this percentage has increased from 58% (2019) to 62% (2020) to 68% (2021).

From the data, it is clear that COVID had a negative impact on student learning, especially special populations such as students who are English Language Learners and our students who qualify for the Migrant Education Program. Beginning in January, the Mid-Level Campus will provide additional tutoring for students in math after-school using the activity schedule which includes transportation for students.

Our efforts to increase College-in-the-High-School offerings at the high school have resulted in an increase in the percentage of students who are earning dual credit (college credit and high school credit concurrently). For the Class of 2021 at West Valley High School, 85% of students completed a dual credit course in their senior year. This year, 2022/23, we have 100% of seniors enrolled in CHS Speech so we are looking forward to the data for the Class of 2023.

Items Arising: No items were arising.

Adjournment: The Study Session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Dave Jaeger, Vice President