



Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes

Central Administration Building
601 South 8th Street – Tacoma, WA
4th Floor Auditorium
Thursday, January 16, 2020 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met for a Study Session on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

Board President Heinze called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

President Heinze led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. STUDY SESSION ITEM(S)

3.1 Annual Continuous Achievement Plan (CAP) Reports

Continuous Achievement Plan (CAP) Annual Report was presented by:

Assistant Superintendent of K12 Support, Toni Pace

Director of Secondary Education, Doug Hostetter

Director of Elementary Education, Scott Rich

Director of Elementary Education, Julie Ray

Director of Elementary Education, Christa Erolin

3.2 Health and Safety of Students & Staff: Policy/Strategy

Superintendent Santorno, Deputy Superintendent Garcia and district leadership presented information to the board regarding mental health in Tacoma Public Schools. Information shared included, what is mental health and why it's important, how we can collectively foster positive mental health and what's at stake.

An overview was provided on current efforts to address the Whole Child and Whole Educator, including addressing Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, Whole Child Signature practices, Safe and Civil Environment, Social Emotional Learning skills, Wellness Support, Health and Wellness incentives, intervention strategies, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), engaged community partners, use of data, and staff professional development.

Director Bonbright remarked that perhaps there could be an assessment as to whether policy decisions enacted by the board is having a positive impact. Director Bonbright also remarked on making state policy decision makers aware of the impacts that their changes to discipline policy and similar rules have in schools and classrooms. Director Bonbright mentioned the importance of continuity of care for students outside of the regular school day.

Director Leon remarked on the ability to track which and how many of the supports being offered are being accessed, and then how do we get more staff and students to access them. Director Leon requested more information regarding SAEBRS.

Director Cobb inquired about additional community partnerships for discounts similar to YMCA. Director Cobb also expressed appreciation for the framework around fostering positive mental health. Director Cobb asked for clarification regarding when student assessment results might require district changes.

Director Heinze expressed appreciation for the information presented. Director Heinze requested baseline information regarding support and resources the district receives from the city towards mental health. Director Heinze reiterated that a

letter would be going to all Pierce County School Board President's to collate support for Pierce County Council considering a mental health tax.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Heinze moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Minutes approved by the Board on: _____

Signed by: _____
Superintendent Carla J. Santorno

By: _____
Board President, Scott Heinze