

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Those present for the Study Session were: Michael Thorner, Mark Strong, Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Amy Osborn, Kristin Johnson, Steve Ashbrooks, Minerva Pardo, Lucas Jaeger, Chris Nesmith and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to order: At 6:10 p.m. Vice President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: None.

Communications: Mike Brophy said WSSDA put on another great conference this year and newly elected board member, Melissa Robertson will be receiving her New Board Member Training on December 9, 2019.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

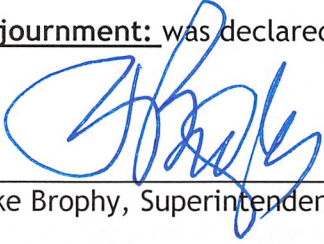
A. Board Directed Goal - Promoting Healthy Screen Time Habits at Home and at School
Mike Brophy stated that as a school district, we have not had serious discussions around the promotion of healthy screen time habits at home and in the classroom, this is something that the District is working on to improve. Mike discussed the book, *Glow Kids* by Nicholas Kardaras, which provides the necessary background information in order to promote the education of recommended screen time limits for children. Some takeaways from *Glow Kids* include, a quiz for parents, warnings signs and strategies that can be used to help students and families.

Mike explained that he plans to work with the administrative team to give them this information. Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow will communicate warning signs and the strategies with parents through social media by providing links for parents to access.

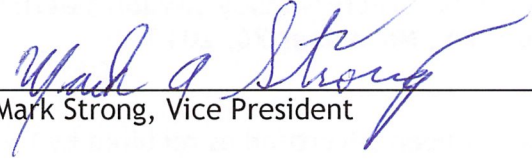
B. Board Examination/Ongoing Study - Foster Greater Parental Involvement
Mike Brophy stated that as a district, we continue to explore ways in which we can foster and maintain greater parental involvement. Based on research, a child's success in school is directly related to their parents' engagement in their education. Our district continues to make strong efforts towards developing relationships with parents for the purpose of providing a great partnership for the child's benefit. Some of these efforts include: Family Engagement Week, Special Education Advisory Committee, Migrant Parent Meetings, Family Engagement Parent Meetings, HiCap Advisory Committee, Play and Learn Groups and the Parent Partnership Series offering programs that were requested by parents.

Items Arising: None

Adjournment: was declared at 6:54 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mark Strong, Vice President