CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Oviatt, Board Acting President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Happy 50th birthday to Mrs. Parnell!

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, Mr. Edwards
Student Representatives: Delany Tobin, Cedric Nagata

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Van Noy, Ms. Fletcher

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNSELORS’ PRESENTATION

Counselors from our district came to present what they as counselors do and to share data they are collecting throughout the year on the different mental health issues they see in their offices. Present were: Amber Claussen, District Lead Counselor, Cedarcrest High School (CHS); Carrie Diligencia, Tolt Middle School (TMS); Danielle Peters, Stillwater Elementary (SW); Emily Sampson, Carnation Elementary (CE); Tim Suchsland, TMS; Reagan Halifax, Eagle Rock Multi-Age (ERMA); Abby Crouteau, Cherry Valley Elementary (CV); Sheri Erhardt, CHS; and Molly Lutz, Director of Student Services who oversees the counseling program. Aaron Clifford from CHS and Keishanna Russell from the Riverview Learning Center were not present.

Amber Claussen explained that school counselors serve vital roles in ensuring student success. Through a comprehensive counseling program, they ensure that students are served in the three domains: academic, personal/social, and career. Counselors are here to support students on their emotional journey. How can we get them connected and thrive in schools? Sheri Erhardt is in her 20th year as a counselor. At CHS, we have a ratio of 320 students to 1 counselor, 954 students total, 46 students on a 504 plan, 71 students with an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), 96 students receiving free or reduced lunch, 625+ students involved in extracurricular activities and 92.62% attendance rate. During college applications, counselors work on students to on how to get from point “a” to point “b” and how to meet those goals each step of the way and are highly motivated to continue their education, whatever and wherever that may be. So far this year, they have had 14 students who required an emergency intervention to support mental health needs so far this year.

Carrie Diligenia, TMS, said she and Tim Suchsland have 790 students with a 395 to 1 student to counselor ratio. They have 52 students on a 504 plan, and they offer a wide range of services to their students. This includes direct counseling services, such as classroom guidance lessons; group counseling on changing families, loss, friendship, stress reduction group; individual counseling on academic and personal; and parent consultations and community resources.
Tim Suchsland said additional support services are also part of their duties, such as new student registrations, 504 building coordinators, coordinating a variety of events, WEB Mentoring Program, parent newsletters, assisting with master scheduling, attendance interventions, teacher/administrative/staff consultation, and participating on district-wide committees.

Abby Croteau, talked about the counseling program at the elementary schools, serving 1,548 students and their families. Their duties include delivering classroom lessons, small group counseling, short-term individual counseling, behavior interventions, Student Intervention Team (SIT), PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Tier 1 & 2 coordinators, 504 plan case managers, parent education, etc. At Stillwater, Cherry Valley, Carnation, and Eagle Rock, 18% of our students were screened as at-risk in at least one category. According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), as many as one in five children between ages 3 and 17 have a diagnosable mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder. We have limited providers in the valley to help.

Ms. Oviatt asked what counselors do not do. Danielle Peters replied that at the elementary level, there is an expectation that we provide long-term mental health. Your calendar is full already and that is a challenge and hard to do. Counselors are not trained to do that. Amber Claussen also said that when it comes to testing, counselors are a common dumping ground – coordinating Smarter Balanced tests and others. It is just hard to get projects done because of the constant interruptions. Testing is not the best use of our training. Emily Sampson added that counselors do not diagnose and cannot prescribe medicine.

Mrs. Parnell commented that this presentation was awesome to hear. For the elementary counselors, this is so important. Since she no longer has children in the elementary level, she would have no idea what the counselors would do. I would guess that there is more of a conception or lack of knowledge about what you do.

Dr. Smith thanked the counselors for their commitment to the whole child. What is a program that has made a ton of progress that you are proud of?

Abby Croteau said PBIS. It has changed how we meet students’ needs. At the elementary level, the support you get with social-emotional curriculum is so important. Sheri Erhardt also responded that we are improving on communication and resourcing out what we know about our students. We provide financial aid night and other information to parents on how they can help. Carrie Diligencia said Career Cruising at the middle school and high school streamlines the course requirements and is visually appealing to students, shows potential careers and degrees needed for that job.

Mr. Edwards said thank you for everything you are doing, and we realize how important you are. You are needed in each school and it is more important than ever to have you in our schools.

Student Representative Nagata said he appreciates what the counselors do to help the students and Student Representative Tobin commented that school counselors have helped her a lot through high school and she thanks them for this.

Ms. Oviatt thanked the counselors for coming and sharing their presentation with the Board.
COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mr. Edwards commented that the district is losing Melinda Clark, Bus Driver, from Transportation. She is getting a promotion to Transportation Supervisor for another school district. This speaks very highly for the training she has received here. Mr. Edwards also reported that the Legislative Conference was cancelled, due to snow, and they are now trying to schedule our WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) District Area 2 meeting for March 21st. Let him know if you are interested in attending.

Student Representative Tobin has been very busy with school and homework. She just got a job working as a tutor for The Goddard School. Ms. Tobin has also been taking an online CTE (Career Technical Education) course and now is a certified florist!

Student Representation Nagata has been focusing on school and went to Cedarcrest’s Winter Formal. Cedarcrest ASB had a limited amount of resources, so they had the formal at the Riverview Educational Service Center. It was really fun and turned out to be an awesome event.

Mrs. Parnell said besides turning 50, she went down to Olympia for her first WSSDA Nominating Committee meeting. She is looking forward to this opportunity. The group is tasked with helping to identify and interviewing candidates from the 295 local boards that are interested in serving on the WSSDA Board.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Ms. Bechtel for the St. Patrick’s Day goody bags. Ms. Oviatt reported that Ms. Van Noy just returned from Africa and is a bit jetlagged, so she is excused from tonight’s meeting. Earlier, the Board had a Work Study about streamlining the Student Representative process. On March 1st the Board had a Board Breakfast Work Study with Greg Lobdell from the Center for Educational Effectiveness to hear about our district data. Ms. Oviatt attended the Sea-King District 2 IAC (Interscholastic Activities Committee) meeting, to listen to all the challenges going on in other districts. She went to Olympia on March 7th for her first WSSDA Cadre training. Congratulations to Marc Hillestad, Cedarcrest High School CTE Teacher, for being named DECA Advisor of the Year. Ms. Oviatt is leaving tomorrow to visit her daughter in Arizona and will also meet up with former Riverview Superintendent, Conrad Robertson.

Student Representative Report

Student Representatives Delaney Tobin and Cedric Nagata shared the following report:

Clubs

NHS (National Honor Society) helped at a few bigger events in the community, like the Cherry Valley Literacy Night and the Summer Resource Fair. They are also getting ready for their spring change drive, and getting members excited for We Day, their annual field trip to a leadership conference at the Tacoma Dome.
DECA had many members compete at the state competition in Bellevue. Many members placed in the top ten and six members qualified to advance and compete at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida. They have started planning the 4th annual Father Daughter Dance and the 13th annual Big Rock Classic Car Show this spring.

Link Crew has been putting together spring activities to get the freshmen excited and ready for their sophomore year. They are also getting more involved with upcoming activities such as a tailgate for baseball and softball, staff trivia, and a survey for the end of the year.

FFA has been quite busy this past month with FFA Week occurring during the last week of February. From Spirit Days to the FFA Barbeque, there was plenty for FFA members and students in general to get involved in. Just recently, there have been several FFA competitions. The Nursery Landscape Team competed at Sedro-Woolley, where four of the five members placed in the top ten and the team placed first overall. The Floral Team competed at Mount Baker where they had a successful competition. The Forestry Team competed at Toutle Lake, placing fourth and two top individual placings. Coming up, FFA has Forestry and Nursery Landscape State. Just recently, Christi Norris competed in public speaking where she memorized the FFA creed and recited it. She ended placing first in the competition.

RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) recently held another Miracle League Bowling and coming up is RAK Week where there will be theme days (such as Politeness Day, Wear Red Wednesday, Be Kind to a Freshman Friday, etc.), bead buddies, and a kindness chain. This is where students can write an act of kindness they did, or someone else did towards them, or an act of kindness they witnessed on a slip of paper and then the slips get linked together into a long paper chain.

Thespian Society recently had their annual Dinner Theater performance at the district office to raise money for their members to go to state on March 15th to partake in acting workshops and more. It was a successful show after many hours of rehearsing, and they ended up raising a lot of money. Mamma Mia (this year’s musical) auditions were held in early February and 60 people auditioned. Now having selected a cast of around 40 people, the cast, band, and tech crew have been working hard at rehearsals every day after school to get them prepared for the show. It is scheduled for the last weekend of April and the first weekend in May.

Camerata, the A cappella Group at Cedarcrest, has been busy recently singing the national anthem at numerous school events and just had their 4th annual Valentine’s Day telegrams, where a person can pay for Camerata to go to the someone else’s class and sing them a song. This was a big success and helped raise money for the group. On April 1st, Camerata will be performing the national anthem at the Mariners game. They are very excited about this opportunity and looking forward to it.

Choir has been preparing for their festival performance at Newport High School on March 13th where they will be judged and critiqued. They are also practicing for the district concert which is later in the spring.

ASB (Associated Student Body) put on the Winter Formal on Saturday at the Riverview Educational Service Center. They are getting ready for their March Magnanimous 3-on-3 basketball tournament, scheduled for March 25-26, with the final round on March 29th at the assembly. There will be both competitive and non-competitive brackets. (Continued on next page)
Student Representative Report (Continued)

ASB (Continued): They have also started planning for the Riverview Interhigh this year, which is the second year Cedarcrest has hosted Interhigh. This will be for student leaders in Riverview from all grades. Sophomore ASB has started selling Krispy Kreme donuts as a fundraiser to have some proceeds donated to Cedarcrest to those who order with a ticket.

GSA (Gay, Straight Alliance) is about to begin hanging posters for their poster campaign. They are going through positive advocates in the community and deciding on a possible movie night. They are also discussing opportunities for their meetings, such as safe and comfortable transitioning and creating/supporting a healthy ally environment. They are addressing the use of derogatory slurs about the LGBTQ+ community in the school and how they can combat that in a stern, yet positive way.

FBLA attended their West Central Region Winter Conference on February 11th at Overlake Christian Church in Redmond. The competitors did very well in each of their events, with nine members qualifying for state. They competed in events in either the testing category or by giving a presentation. Some produced videos or did interactive role-play presentations on topics like journalism, media, job interviewing, and more. They also continue to run Growling Grounds and are looking forward to revealing the new coffee cart they recently ordered.

TSA (Technology Student Association) regionals have been completed and the state competition is coming up soon. The 2018-2019 chapter just held its annual state-parent meeting to help inform parents about the club.

Robotics had their first FRC competition at Mount Vernon High School on March 1-3. The team placed 28th overall. Their second competition is at Glacier Peak High School on March 22-24. FTC Team 13648 has moved on to the state competition which was originally scheduled for February, but has been rescheduled (due to the snow) to March 17th.

Sports

Winter Sports Wrap-up:

Boys Basketball was 8-12 this season, but the team did well and played their hearts out for what they have had to go through the past year with hiring a new coach, moving to a new league, and the many injuries this season.

Girls Basketball did very well this season and are excited to work hard and prepare for next year.

Wrestling finished out their season strong, with multiple wrestlers placing in the state tournament. For the first time in Cedarcrest High School and Riverview School District history, two female wrestlers qualified for state! They also had their Senior Night which was emotional and exciting for everyone.

Spring Sports:

Golf unfortunately had their first competition (both boys and girls) “iced out” on Wednesday, so no successes to point out yet. They do have a total of 36 players (14 girls and 22 boys) on the team this year. (Continued on next page)
Student Representative Report (Continued)

Golf (Continued): A good mix of returning players and those new to golf are now battling practice temperatures mostly below 40 degrees. They look forward to competing in the new conference this year and seeing different courses. Although Wesco has provided some challenges, as the competitions are “varsity only” (which has only six golfers) and they are working to continue to support and develop the JV programs. Unless Wednesday’s Jamboree is rescheduled, the girls first official match will be on March 19, with the boys following later that week on March 21.

Track has over 70 squad members this year. Their first meet is a jamboree at Granite Falls on March 14th. From there they start with their WESCO meets on the March 21st. Their first Saturday meet is schedule for March 30th. As a team, they are intrigued by the changes that will come about from joining the WESCO conference.

Boys Soccer had tryouts during the last week in February. They are looking forward to the season.

Softball recently had tryouts, which went well and efficiently. They have a JV and Varsity team, however, both teams are short with only 12 players on each. Weather has limited practice time, but they should be able to get enough practices to be able to play their first game on the 13th. They are hoping to win the majority of their games, improve every day, and go on to districts and state.

Baseball had their tryouts, which went well. They are looking forward to the season and are hoping to win most of their games.

Student Life

Winter Formal had about 240 people attend and was liked by most of those in attendance. Many said it was fun and that ASB made a great use of the few resources they had, since the former plan had to be cancelled due to the snow. Shareni Ojeda and Annalise Irwin put in many hours of hard work to ensure that students had a great time and were happy with the dance.

Ms. Oviatt thanked the students for their report.

Hearing of the Public

No one signed up or came forward to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

A list of routine agenda items will now be considered in a single motion. Board Members have received and studied background information on all items.

Motion 19-06: To approve the March 12, 2019, Consent Agenda, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Minutes for February 26, 2019; and Board Work Study Minutes for March 1, 2019.
CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 207797 through No. 207842 in the amount of $237,315.27; and direct deposits of $94,637.71. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 207843 through No. 207847 in the amount of $47,924.61, and direct deposits of $6,082.52. ASB Fund Warrant No. 207848 through No. 207851 in the amount of 2,413.94; and direct deposits of $3,678.56. Total Payroll for February 28, 2019 was $3,009,495.20, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 207852 through No. 207855 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $2,990.00; and General Fund Warrant No. 207856 through No. 207905 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of $988,067.34; and direct deposits of $1,490,064.12.

Approval of Personnel Actions.
We will miss Janet Gavigan, Assistant Superintendent, who will be retiring after being with the district since 1993!

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.
Ms. Oviatt thanked the Stillwater PTSA for their generous donation of $1,100.00 to Stillwater Elementary for Kindness Week ($100) and Safety Patrol field trip ($1,000).


Approval of Out of State Travel for Seven Cedarcrest DECA Students
Seven Cedarcrest High School DECA students will be headed to Orlando, Florida on April 26-May 1, 2019, to attend the International Career Development Conference.

BUSINESS

Riverview Education Foundation

Representatives from the Riverview Education Foundation came forward to present a check in the amount of $11,843.74 for Winter Grant Season. Those in attendance were Amy Jacobson, Grants Administrator; Kim Piira, Vice President; Nicole Rohwer, Treasurer; Kappie Ayers, President; Dustin Green and Shannon Tozer, Board members; and Mike Ward, Ex Officio. Abby Antonsen, Secretary, was unable to attend tonight. Amy Jacobson explained that March marked the beginning of the school year for their officers. They wrapped up their second grant night and a couple of the highlights are the genetics electrophoresis system and the Hi-Lo Fiction to support independent ready and units of study for the Tolt Middle School Library. They changed the dates for this grant period but didn’t receive as many grant applications as usual. So, they will probably go back to their usual dates. Ms. Jacobson said they are looking forward to meeting with Superintendent’s Cabinet to go over district initiatives. REF is gearing up for the REF Run on Sunday, June 2nd and are eliminating the 10K, but will have a half-marathon and 5K run. The Kid’s Obstacle Race will be held on Saturday, June 1st during Duvall Days. The REF dinner and auction had about 250 attendees and raised $104,000, which was slightly less than last year.

Ms. Oviatt thanked REF for all they do for our students and district.
Riverview Education Foundation (Continued)

Motion 19-07: To approve the donation of $11,843.74 from the Riverview Education Association for the Winter Grant Season (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Oviatt). Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 19-01 – Purchase of Health Care and/or Other Insurance

Resolution 19-01 authorizes the execution of an interlocal agreement restating the district’s agreement in connection with the purchase of health care and/or other insurance for the district’s employees and their dependents. It also confirms and ratifies actions taken by the district to purchase health care.

Motion 19-08: To approve Resolution 19-01, which authorizes the execution of an interlocal agreement restating the district’s agreement in connection with the purchase of health care and/or other insurance for the district’s employees and their dependents; confirming and ratifying actions taken by the district with respect to the purchase of health care and/or other insurance; and providing for other matters properly relating thereto (Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

End of Year Make-Up Days – Revision

After the district met with the Riverview Education Association, it was agreed that the district will make up four days by extending the school year to Wednesday, June 25, 2019, and add more instructional minutes by changing five early release days to full school days. This allows us to end school on June 25th, rather than extend it until June 26th.

Motion 19-09: To authorize the district to request three waiver days from OSPI and use them along with four make-up days, changing five early release days to full days, thus changing the end of the school year to June 25, 2019 (Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported that we are growing at less than 1% - about .86% from last year to this year. Thankfully we are not growing out of control like some of our neighboring districts. There is only a difference of about 68 students between the middle school and high school, noting that the middle school only has three grade levels, while the high school has four.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- There have been lots of work on missed snow days and the district calendar – after getting together with our associations, we are expanding five of our early release days, so the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 25th.
- The district is continuing to have contract discussions with various employee groups.
Superintendent’s Report (Continued)

- He enjoyed the RSD Ambassador Program and thanked our Student Representatives for their participation.
- We are still looking at our options with the property acquisition near Cedarcrest. He, Ruby Perez, Director of Business and Operations, and Denise Stiffarm, Pacifica Law Group, met together on a Memorandum of Understanding to purchase and annex the property by Cedarcrest High School.
- He and Ms. Bechtel are looking at various policies. We are close to a draft for a policy on naming our schools and a policy for memorials for the Board to review.
- He has been involved with the front end of mid-year conferences with principals and administrators.
- They had a very successful Athletic Directors’ meeting and we are continuing to advance in our discussion about opportunities for sports and consolidating our booster services.
- He and Ruby Perez have been having multiple meetings with architects and project managers.
- He opened up the RSD Educational Service Center on Saturday, March 2nd for the PTSA Summer Resource Fair. They had 365 people in attendance, including a food truck. Our PTSA Council is amazing.
- Nikum Pon, Puget Sound Educational Service District Director of Equity and our equity trainer, had a vision with his family to move back to Cambodia and open up a school. The school has been open for three years and now he and his family will be moving there. Eileen Yoshina will now be our equity trainer for the district. Eileen is a former teacher from Hawaii and recently worked with the RSD Educational Service Center staff on equity and access.
- He attended the Elementary Council meeting where they are trying to hone in on how we line things up.
- On average, three of us spent 13 hours going screening the Tolt Middle School Assistant Principal candidates. Interviews will be on Thursday.
- Just a reminder that updated 2018-2019 school and staff calendars have been posted on our district website.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Acting Board President, adjourned the March 12, 2019, Board meeting at 8:15 PM.

Carol Van Noy
Board President

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors