

**Bend-La Pine Schools  
Bend, OR 97701**

The Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools met in a regular meeting on May 12, 2015 in the library at Three Rivers School, 56900 Enterprise Drive, Sunriver, OR 97707.

**Board Members Present**

Cheri Helt  
Stuart Young  
Peggy Kinkade  
Julie Craig  
Ron Gallinat  
Andy High

**Board Members Absent**

Nori Juba

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:12p by Co-Chair Helt.

**Review of Agenda**

Superintendent Wilkinson noted the updated agenda.

**Public Input**

No public input.

Tim Broadbent, principal at Three Rivers, thanked Board members for meeting at Three Rivers and introduced Trinity Bartel, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Allie Harrison, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, both students at Three Rivers who were part of the recent musical production, Annie. Bartel played Agatha Hannigan and Harrison played the role of Annie, each sang a song from the musical. Tina Placecki, whom coordinated the musical production, shared the impact of the arts on children and importance of arts in the schools. Co-Chair Helt thanked Bartel and Harrison for the amazing performance and Placecki for her work behind the scenes.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Wilkinson thanked Bartel and Harrison for sharing their talents and Placecki for her hard work. He noted Max Farrens is one of 27 students from Oregon who earned a National Merit Scholarship. Elk Meadow recently received the 2015 Oregon School Wellness Award for their programs promoting physical activity and nutrition, one of just three schools in the state to earn the honor. Several Summit High students earned recognition at the recent OSAA State Solo Music Competition. Wilkinson congratulated Debbie Christian, Bend Senior High's bookkeeper, who was chosen as the 2015 OSEA Employee of the year from more than 35,000 members across the state. Wilkinson reminded all of the Mt. View High School Ashton Eaton Track dedication happening tomorrow, adding Eaton will be there to say a few words and run the first, ceremonial lap around the track with some elementary and middle school students. He encouraged all to attend.

**Consent Agenda**

**Peggy Kinkade moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ron Gallinat seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

## **Reports**

### ***South County Update***

#### *La Pine High School FBLA*

AnneMarie Lessard, Assistant Principal at La Pine High School, introduced FBLA students Gage Yeager, Sydney Bright and Chris Swayze who shared an update on the recent state competition and results that led to Bright and Swayze to earn trips to the National Competition in Chicago this summer. Yeager noted Lindsey Christian, their new advisor is also a Language Arts teacher at La Pine High, and she has done a great job taking over from Steve Parnell. Board members wished Bright and Swayze good luck at the National Competition.

#### *AVID*

Jim Boen, Principal at La Pine Middle School and South County Director, shared an update on the AVID work at La Pine Middle. This is the first year an AVID elective class has been offered for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and next year it will be expanded to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and to La Pine High. Boen said students in AVID are learning organizational and study skills, have tutorial sessions with high school students, have been on college visits to COCC and OSU and had several guest speakers come to their class to share about their educational and career journey. Students in the AVID elective class are selected through a point system and often times are considered 'middle performers' and their parents often times are not college educated.

Co-Chair Helt asked about the success of students in the AVID class. Boen said overall students are doing well, but being in their first year with the program provides little data to reflect upon. They will continue to monitor student progress. Boen added improved student attendance and building a sense of community has been two of the biggest benefits of AVID this year.

Superintendent Wilkinson noted Nori Juba was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for AVID and is at his first board meeting tonight. Shay Mikalson thanked Boen for his leadership and feels the work La Pine Middle School has done will pay off hugely for the students involved.

#### *Restorative Justice*

AnneMarie Lessard introduced Daren VomSteeg, teacher at La Pine High, who has been instrumental in restorative justice work at the school. VomSteeg shared a power presentation explained the work around student focus, behavior, attendance and engagement they have been doing. Much research has been studied around 'toxic stress' and developing a scoring method, ACE, to gauge student risk. VomSteeg shared the approach La Pine High has taken with a Focus Room this year for students as an alternate means to discipline. Students can self select or teachers can send them to the Focus Room and it is there, with a teacher, the student has an opportunity to recompose themselves, identify the trigger(s) and create a plan to return to their classroom. He noted most students are able to return to their classroom within the same period.

Lessard explained students are still being held accountable for their actions, and this is an effort to keep students in school and get them back to their classroom, even using peers in some circumstances to help hold students accountable. Peer circles are selected by teachers and administrators and range in age and grade levels. The Focus Room is designed to teach and model conflict resolution and develop problem-solving skills. The number of out of school suspensions has drastically decreased because of the new efforts.

Co-Chair Helt asked about tracking and what kind of students are using the focus room and the relationship to attendance, IEP's, etc. VomSteeg shared there's not a specific trend that he could think of however; La Pine High is keeping track of those students who self-select, those who are asked to leave class, etc. Lessard noted hurdles with the program include money, people, time and schedules. The perception that this is a 'soft' way of discipline is something they have worked hard to overcome and the benefits of this approach and the Focus Room, especially, are becoming more and more understood.

Co-Chair Helt thanked Lessard and VomSteege for sharing and providing students options.

#### *Secondary English Language Arts Adoption Update*

Jana Clemons noted the executive summary in the board packet and reviewed the work done to date by the Secondary English Language Arts Adoption Team. Clemons said the teachers and administrators who have been a part of the team have focused their time on effective teaching strategies and ways to produce effective teachers. The right materials are important, but the professional learning for educators ensures the delivery and practice. She reviewed the timeline of adoption teamwork and shared about pilot projects and professional development done thus far.

Clemons explained the recommendation, seen in the board packet for middle and high school levels. The professional development plans and instructional materials were reviewed and Clemons offered to answer any questions.

Peggy Kinkade asked where writing curriculum fits into the high school level. Clemons said Lucy Calkins only goes through grade 8 and the recommended Inquiry by Design and Study Sync have writing instructional practices built in which cover standards very well. She explained the overlap between the two programs with reading and writing, listening, speaking and language.

Andy High asked what the timeline is and if a motion needs to be made for approval. Mikalson explained the ask of the Board is to take action on Lucy Calkins for grades 6-8. The committee will focus work on support and instructional shifts and other aspects of professional development, which does not need board action. Helt shared her thanks to Clemons and the adoption team for their work and efforts to support students and teachers and she wishes there were more dollars the district could devote to this work. Clemons said the work of the team has been exceptional and with the shifting targets of funding, it has forced them to look at things creatively, which has resulted in very meaningful work.

**Peggy Kinkade moved to approve Lucy Calkins *Units of Study in Argument, Information, and Narrative Writing* (Heinemann) for middle school writing instruction. Stuart Young seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

#### *Silver Rail Elementary Update*

Tammy Doty shared the work done to date for Silver Rail Elementary, highlighting staffing, tours, and building design. She noted Silver Rail has been approved by ODE as a school wide Title 1 school, which is rare. She is very familiar with the requirements and shared how her work at La Pine Elementary will directly correlate the Silver Rail's Title status.

Andy High asked about teacher feedback on the building. Doty said the overwhelming comment is that teachers are excited the cafeteria is no longer in the gym. She said the classrooms feel larger and many were excited about the technology updates and multiple ways they could configure their classrooms. The Media Center is beautiful as is the community areas. Doty shared the finishes, furniture and color choices all help with making the school feel inviting and welcoming. She is excited for school next year.

Co-Chair Helt thanked Doty for all her work this year at La Pine Elementary while planning for Silver Rail.

#### *Pacific Crest Middle School Update*

Chris Boyd shared the work done to date for Pacific Crest Middle School, highlighting building design, technology features and shared a handout which is the 'blue print' his team has been using to make decisions as they move forward. "Design Your Future" continues to be their theme and vision statement: Where identity and relationships are foundational to learning and living in a caring community. He said each one of those words was intentionally chosen to emphasize creating an environment where students can persevere and are engaged.

Boyd shared there are 588 students currently enrolled/pointed to Pacific Crest, with the largest class being sixth grade. The daily schedule will be made up of five periods vs. the traditional seven. This decision increases instructional time and allows for greater intentionality in the periods taught. The first period of the day will be time shared between science and humanities teachers and the longer period of time will help build and sustain relationships, allow time for community engagement and create a team/community identity. Boyd shared about technology and foreign language courses that will be offered as well.

Incoming sixth graders will be visiting the school on May 21. Students, staff members, architects and parents will be a part of the visit and August 1 is the goal for temporary occupancy. Stuart Young said the work done is terrific and the concepts of student engagement are so important and can be difficult when dealing with variables like schedules. Superintendent Wilkinson added, the opportunity to open a new middle school doesn't come along often and this is an exciting time to collaborate and create a vision for middle schools across the district. He said Boyd has done a great job in the process, design and framework.

#### *Marijuana Dispensary Locations*

Co-Chair Helt shared a draft letter with board members she wrote, for City Councilors. She asked board members to review and share any input or ideas they would like to include. Andy High asked where the letter would be sent. Helt said to the City of Bend, because La Pine has already adopted regulations similar to what is included in the letter.

Julie Craig suggested Helt send the letter to planning directors at the city along with council members. High suggested adding the request of adopting this requests as an emergency clause, so it is effective the next day and avoiding any sort of time gap.

Superintendent Wilkinson suggested the board take action on the letter.

**Andy High moved to approve a letter asking City Council to adopt rules pertaining to the recreational and medical marijuana dispensaries. Julie Craig seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

Helt asked that all board members sign the final draft of the letter once it is complete.

#### **Board Comments**

Andy High encouraged all to vote by Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, ballots are due by 8:00p.

Co-Chair Helt thanked the student performers, noting they were incredible. She appreciated hearing the vision around Restorative Justice and the updates for both Silver Rail Elementary and Pacific Crest Middle School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22p.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson