



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Puget Sound ESD
Friday, March 30, 2007
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

In attendance: Carl Bruner, Mike Dunn, Josh Garcia, Missy Hallead, Janel Keating, Joan Kingrey, Mickey Lahmann, Mike Nelson, and Kathy Clayton.

Absent: Jeanine Butler, Faith Chapel, Madonna Hanna, Sharon Mowry, and Paul Sturm.

I. Call to Order

Mike Dunn called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. Janel had another meeting at the ESD, so she was able to be in and out of the meeting throughout the day.

II. Opening Activity

Josh Garcia guided the board through an opening activity that involved exploring the question, 'As a WSASCD Board member, what do you want your leadership to look like?' The multi-faceted activity was based on a Standards-Based Lesson Design utilizing graphic organizers and the children's book entitled, *Fish is Fish* by Leo Lionni.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the January 26th Board Meeting

Minutes were sent to board members in preparation for this meeting.

B. Financial Summary and Update

Eve, our accountant, reports that we have \$104,412.80 in our savings account. This is an increase of \$6,273.13 over last year at this time, due to CD maturity. Kathy responded to questions relative to the February financial, as well as commented on the success of the 'Sisters' Daily Five workshop with our profit of \$3691.63.

IV. Board Development

Mike Dunn, Mike Nelson, and Janel had planned to share insights based on a session which Dr. Harvey Alvy presented at the National Conference. This activity will be shared at our annual retreat in June instead.

V. Strategic Plan and Action Items

A. Strategic Plan Goals

The goals are re-ordered according to discussion and/or action requirements.

1) Goal 2: Communications and Publications

a. WSASCD Website – At our June retreat, Janel will guide a conversation on the value of the website and suggestions for next steps.

b. Curriculum In Context – Joan Kingrey provided information related to our spring journal, which has gone to print and is focused on mathematics. Joan shared ideas related to themes for the upcoming 2007-08 journals. The Fall/Winter 2007 journal will be focused around the ‘Whole Child’ theme; and the Spring/Summer 2008 issue will relate to social justice issues. It was decided to post the Fall/Winter 2006 and the new Spring/Summer 2007 issues on the website at this time. It has been past practice not to post the Fall/Winter issue until the Spring/Summer issue was out. Because we want the exceptional content of our journals to be accessible, it was decided to change this practice, for marketing and advocacy purposes. Joan would like to change the deadline for the Fall issue of C in C to June 1st rather than July 1st; and the deadline for the Spring issue should be December 1st, rather than January 1st.

Mickey mentioned that we need to make sure our journal is sent to key legislators, as well as to members of the Professional Educators’ Standards Board (PESB), and the State Board of Education, as well as to OSPI. As a past President of WSASCD, and current member of the State Board of Education, Amy Bragdon would be an excellent contact. Also mentioned during this discussion, was the concept of having our C in C authors testify before the legislature. In addition, the board decided that we should use Jerry Johnson’s article from the journal as a ‘stand alone’ article to advertise our organization at the WASA/AWSP Conference.

c. Critical Questions Series - Following is the list of topics that have been presented this year, including the upcoming questions.

September – Instructional Time, Jan Jones

January – Children as Mathematical Thinkers, Tracy Livingston

February – AVID, Danette Dricscoll

March – Educators Politically Active – Jeanine Butler

April – Early Education (Pre-K & Kdgn) – Mike Dunn/Deb Clemens

May – Importance of Reflection (Template & Reading List for Summer) – Mike Dunn, Josh Garcia & Kathy Clayton

2) **Goal 5: Leadership and Governance**

a. Actively promote and seek diversity in all aspects of Board Elections and Membership. We had a problem with our email system, through WASA, and found that most of our members did not receive the two Newsflashes about voting in the election. We only had 38 people who voted through Survey Monkey. Because two of our candidates (Gene Schmidt - ESD 105/171 and Dave Colombini – ESD 114) ran unopposed, we chose to welcome them as new board members and rerun the election between Barry Hoonan and Gary Plano (ESD 121). Plans are to rerun the election in mid April after spring break, giving WASA time to solve the email problem. These three board positions are being vacated by Jeanine (ESD 105/171 Yakima/Wenatchee, Madonna (ESD 114 Bremerton), and Faith (ESD 121 North Puget Sound) this year. Both the outgoing and incoming board members will be honored at our June Retreat.

b. OSPI Report - Mickey provided a great deal of information relative to the status of OSPI projects and initiatives. She encouraged everyone to fill out the survey online related to 'what kind of assessment system, beyond the WASL, do we want to have in our state?' The Joint Mathematics Action Plan was discussed as the accountability piece for OSPI, the State Board of Education, and the PESB. The Standards are being reviewed as they relate to International standards and the NCTM standards. The GLEs in mathematics will then go through a final revision process to be rolled out in January 2008 with a professional development plan.

Mathematics Symposium (March 25-26) – see handout from Mickey. The State Board is looking at common materials; would like one math program. OSPI is looking into costs for three different programs. They have surveyed districts about math materials used – will analyze based on this information. OSPI will send out surveys for science soon.

Mickey also mentioned that the State Board clarified the fact that the 9th grade Mathematics, Reading, and Writing curriculums need to be aligned to the 9th grade GLEs. There is concern that credits have been given too loosely.

Josh and Missy asked Mickey to take their concern to OSPI regarding last year's WASL testing. During the first day of testing in writing, students were given a sample prompt. Not knowing that it was a sample, the students took the test seriously; then were told the next day that it had been a sample. Josh and Missy said that students were less enthusiastic about completing the other prompts. Their suggestion is to withhold information about sample prompts until after the testing period.

This is Mickey's last year on the WSASCD Board of Directors, and she informed us that the OSPI recommendation for her replacement is Yvonne Ryans. Mickey and Yvonne will join us in June for the annual retreat.

c. Annual Retreat – The retreat is schedule for Friday, June 22nd, from 4:30-6:00, followed by a barbecue at Mike Dunn's house. We will honor board members Faith, Madonna, and Jeanine for their commitment to the board over the past two years. Members of the 2006 conference committee are also invited to celebrate their involvement in planning the conference. The retreat will continue on Saturday, June 23rd from 8:30-3:00, when we will welcome our three new board members. Friday will be Janel's last meeting as President; therefore, Mike Dunn, as incoming President will chair the meeting on Saturday.

3) Goal 1: Diverse Active Membership

a. Membership Dues –WSASCD is one of a handful of affiliates whereby the membership year is from October 1 to September 30. At the last board meeting, Kathy shared information about the benefits of

establishing membership on the anniversary of the initial dues collection. Following a discussion, it was decided that information related to dues which is currently in the Constitution should be moved to the Procedural Guidelines. Joan made a motion, which was seconded by Missy, to add this item to the election ballot inviting members to vote on this change. Motion passed.

b. Institutional Membership

Kathy guided a short conversation on the pros and cons of providing an institutional membership option. This may provide an opportunity to grow our membership, especially at the building or district level. Kathy will research ASCD's offering for institutional membership to see if we should offer something similar. On a related topic, Janel also mentioned that offering team registrations for our professional development activities may be another way to connect with buildings and districts.

4) Goal 4: Influence and Policy

a. Influence Grant – High School Forums: Carl Bruner shared information related to the high school forum that took place at Mount Vernon High School with Representative Dave Quall and another legislator. The forum was hosted by their debate class, and two invited sophomore English classes. The students highlighted information from 'Washington Learns' and asked great questions in a Socratic seminar format. We will discuss a possible future high school forum for the Spokane area at our June Retreat. Janel mentioned that we should honor Charlie Potter (Mount Vernon High School facilitator) and Diya Bailey (Todd Beamer High School facilitator) at our Friday luncheon at the annual conference in Seattle.

b. Emerging Leaders– Mike Dunn and Josh Garcia shared a small piece of information related to a possible 'Emerging Leader' program in our state. This will be an important topic for our June Retreat.

5) Goal 3: Programs, Products, and Services

a. State Recognition Awards. Gene Schmidt, from Bridgeport, has consented to serving as the chair for our state awards. Janel led a short discussion related to a possible new award related to the 'Whole Child.' It was decided that one of our existing awards could be tailored to fit the whole child theme. Janel and Kathy will draft some language for the June Retreat for the board approval. It was decided to shorten the timeline for nominations for the state awards. Rather than seeking nominations at the end of the school year, it was decided to set the window for September 14th through October 10th. A board member is needed to serve as the chair for the third annual Outstanding Young Educator Award (OYEA).

b. WSASCD Professional Development Activities (PDAs) – Kathy shared information related to the Jay McTighe workshops. Because of weather-related travel problems, Jay McTighe did not make it to Wenatchee for the Monday workshop until noon. Jeanine Butler saved the day by teaching the first half of the UbD packet for 85 participants.

Each participant was given a \$75 voucher toward any PDA for one year because of the situation. The five days of workshops were successful because of the support of board members (Jeanine, Josh Garcia, and Faith Chapel) and several WSASCD members who helped out with escorting Jay, selling books, and helping with registration. The sites in Wenatchee, Bellevue, Federal Way, and Bothell were well located for attracting participants from a broad area. The use of Northwest Church (Federal Way) and Northshore Administrative Center (Bothell) proved to be outstanding sites and with tremendous support from those school districts. Partnering with the North Central ESD worked well for advertising the workshops and arranging for the Red Lion Hotel as the site for the workshop. On a special note, Federal Way School District provided a fabulous continental breakfast and lunch... and for a great price! After the discussion on the Jay McTighe workshops, Kathy passed out a flyer which indicates all the professional development activities that we are offering for the 2007-08 school year.

c. 2007 Conference Update – Kathy gave an update for the 2007 conference, based on the committee's March 29th planning meeting. Based on the board's recommendation, Harvey Alvy will be presenting an Action Lab related to leadership at the conference. The 'save the date' post cards have gone out this week, and biographies of our presenters and the 'call for proposals' has been on the website for two weeks. Kathy shared the pdf version of the conference registration form which will be mailed to all schools at the end of April. Board members were encouraged to invite educators to make a proposal for presenting a session on Friday, November 2nd. Proposals will be sent to Tim Nootenboom, the 2007 Concurrent Session chair.

d. Planning Ahead for 2008 – Helen Paroff (ESD 101 and former WSASCD President) and Debra LaHue (Nine Mile Falls School District) have consented to being the 2008 Conference Committee chairs. They will meet with Kathy on April 13th to determine next steps. Members of the board contributed more names for additional committee members. They are: Morgan Surenzia (Rogers HS), Kevin Foster (Havermale and Joan's grad assistant), Miguel Villareal (Asst. Supt. Othello), Ishmael Vivanco (Wenatchee ESD), Matt Handleman (Morain Prairie), Terry Vanderwagen (Central Valley), Kent Martin (Cheney), Irene Gonzalez (Spokane), Stacey Locke (Yakima), and Tina MacDonald (Chewelah Curriculum Dir.). With regard to possible themes for the 2008 conference, three ideas came forth: *We Have a Dream; Social Justice and Civility*; and something related to *What are Best Practices and How Do We Know?* The board also brainstormed ideas for presenters: Bob Pena on topic of Social Justice from Seattle University; Bob Moses – founder of the Algebra Project; Ed Taylor – UW Social Justice.

e. Request for Funds from Gonzaga University – A request has been made for \$2,500 to support the Rothstein Institute for Education and Social Justice. Because, at this point of the meeting, we did not have a quorum, it was decided that we would email the board for their

vote on this issue. Questions that need to be answered first are: 1) What kind of recognition will our organization receive? and 2) Will our members have access to this activity? Joan will contact Dennis Connors to find out more information. In general, the discussion centered around the fact that this is new territory for us. As a non-profit organization, we have not given funds to universities. If we give to Gonzaga, will we be setting precedent and be expected to give to other universities?

Next Board Meeting: Friday, June 22, 2007
Spokane Doubletree Hotel
3:00-4:00 p.m. – Training for new Board Members
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at Mike Dunn's Home
7:00 p.m.

 Saturday, June 23, 2007
Spokane Doubletree Hotel
8:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Faith Chapel - March 28

Kathy Clayton - May 18

Mike Dunn - May 19

