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MINUTES

1. School Board Work Session - School Board President Ms. Reich called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held via Zoom meeting.

Attendance:

School Board Members: Annie Elder, Brian Kelly, Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Karen Reich, and Kelly Zender.

Certificated Administrators: Mary Sewright

Approval of Agenda - Mr. Kelly moved to approve the Agenda, Mr. Zender seconded; motion carried, 5-0.

2. Covid-19 Discussion: **Statement from the Superintendent**

Anticipated Events:

- April 8, 2020 State Board of Education will release final rules on waivers giving us local control over waivers including core requirements
- State-wide Superintendent Meetings Weekly
- NWESD Superintendents Meetings Weekly with Break out Sessions for County Groups
- OSPI Guidance for Special Education and ELL coming out this week
- May 15 RIF Deadline still in place
- June Revenue predictions for 2020/21
- June 19 Final Day of School

Addressing Priorities in MBSD:

Health and Welfare of Children

- Reverse the Baker Bus will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays; 38,694 as of Friday, April 3.
- Weekend packs from Phil Esau's Wild Bird Charity are also delivered by bus
- Counselors and Mental Health Workers are connecting with kids
- Family Service Workers are connecting with families to get them resources
- Partnerships with businesses and food bank -Teacher to student/family outreach

Childcare

- Child Emergency Coalition is meeting twice a week. Kaye Marshall is representing MBSD
- MBSD is not a priority at this time for providing childcare because community partners are available
- There are two Kendall families that expressed need and have been referred to the Family Call Center, YMCA, and Welcome Childcare
- We are following up with families

Continued Learning and Support for Seniors

- We have issued close to 500 CBs distributed to students. Tomorrow, Friday, April 8 there will be a distribution from 1:00 to 4:00.
- We are working to increase hotspots. Mary met with the Port of Bellingham, MB Foundation, and a community member last week. Comcast/Xfinity is offering service to Kendall and Maple Falls. Acme and Glacier depend on Frontier
- Internet access will be expanded to school parking lots



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- Packets are being sent out this week for elementary
- Elementary does not return packets
- There was a team-lead approach for the curation of the packets. These leads had on-going conversations with their grade-level members across all three schools.
- Leads also met with administrators to provide feedback and ask for guidance. Through this hierarchy all elementary teachers were held accountable for their work to support the learning packets
- Secondary will have drop offs to be determined making sure there is enough wait time before teachers and students touch paper
- Secondary teachers have google folders set up that they are dropping assignments into. This is being monitored by department leads as well as by administrators
- Secondary will use Google Classroom (including Google Meet and Google Voice) as well as Zoom. Administrators are able to check in on participation. We are also asking teachers to track the students participating and reach out to students not participating
- At this time we are using Pass/No Credit for grading.
- HS students will get assignments from two classes per day M-F. Friday is available for homework and students can check in for help as needed
- JH is focusing on core subjects but since this has been extended they will be adding elective courses
- See MBJH/HS Remote Learning Accountability
- Elementary is launching SeeSaw. Some teachers may access Google Classroom as well.
- Teachers participated in Seesaw Remote PD and completed a Google Form once their work was complete. This included PD work over the course of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday last week
- The elementary administrators will discuss requirements for Seesaw use by teachers and can be monitored both daily and weekly by administrators.
- Elementary is also using Imagine Learning. Administrators have access to all data including how often teachers are checking in as well as how much work students are completing
- We continue to update and provide resources
- Regular check-ins with students
- Daily schedule and expectations for students
- Matt is hosting weekly meetings with seniors
- Seniors divide and conquer depending on whether or not they are on track
- I will be meeting with Matt and counselors to bring forward recommendations for April 23rd
- HS Staff, ASB, and students will be planning graduation
- There are some students we have not been able to reach (ghosting)
- Contact has been made with English Language Learners, working on a Language line for families to access support
- Special education staff are determining the best fit approach & supports to meet individual needs
- Bridget is planning PD for paras
- There will be ongoing PD with certificated staff

Keeping Staff on Payroll

- We will continue to receive apportionment so we are okay for this year
- MOUs with MBEA and PSE
- HS Coaches being paid
- JH Coaches did not begin season so they will not be paid unless they begin the season
- Essential workers have letters including Tiger Construction

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- The system we are currently working with holds staff more accountable than ever. There are many check ins, collaborative meetings, and documentation of contacts. If anything, it would be harder than ever now to not show up, be present, and work with students. It is evident that people are working harder than ever to connect with students and provide learning in a new way that is outside most educator's comfort-zone.
- Although people with supplemental contracts may or may not be doing some of the exact same work, everyone is working extremely hard. Our teacher leaders have stepped up to make remote learning happen, and these are most of the people on supplemental contracts.

Communication: State Level & Regional Level

- Mary meets with State-wide superintendents every week
- Mary meets with NWESD Superintendents every week
- Lots of contact through email and some group meetings with Whatcom County Superintendents
- Ben has been meeting with WSBO
- District level: Goal is to stick to once a week with an overall message.
- School level: Specific to school-based issues and elementary vs. secondary. Elementary has been doing some joint communicating.
- Classroom level: Teachers reaching out to students via phone, internet platforms, video.
- Mary meets with MBEA daily with the exception of this week
- Mary, Ben, and Karla meet with PSE weekly including this week
- Mary meets with the Administrative team often. It has been daily but since they are having so many building meetings and group meetings, I am spacing those out to a couple times a week or as needed.
- Website is being updated on a regular basis to reflect new information

Budget

- Ben has been working on this with Pam
- Mary, Ben, and Pam will be meeting Monday
- There will be a meeting with administrators mid-week
- Due to this situation, we are having to re-evaluate a lot of things

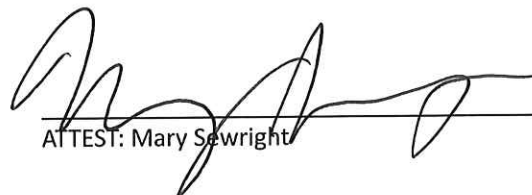
Other Issues

- Working on plant sale being on-line. Green house is being cared for by Tamera and a few paras when needed
- Pig Draw will happen next week. Todd has a plan in place to do this safely
- Some teachers need limited access to classrooms due to no internet at home. This is being addressed on a case by case basis -We are purchasing insurance for Chromebooks
- Transition begins for Qmlativ

3. At 9:37 a.m. Ms. Reich adjourned the meeting.



Karen Reich, President



ATTEST: Mary Sewright