

## League of Women Voters of Tacoma – Pierce County Observer Corps

Puyallup School District Board Meeting – Aylene JHS

January 22, 2019

Start 6:00 pm End: 8:42pm

Submitted by Joanne Mansfield-Gales

Board Members Present: Kathy Yang; Dane Looker; Michael Keaton; Chris Ihrig, Superintendent; Dr. Tim Yeomans.

Members Excused: Maddie Names.

Content:

1. Five Ballou JHS students performed a percussion presentation in preparation for contest.
2. RE: MLK Day, a 5-Minute video presentation on “Be the One to Make a Difference”.
3. Varsity-Letter Volunteers were honored individually.
4. First Reading of Policy Updates Under Consideration: (2 additional readings, and possible vote after):
  - #2107 – Comprehensive Early Learning Plan (under Consideration).
    - Early Literacy,
    - Requirements specific to third grade students,
    - Intensive reading and literacy improvement strategies,
    - Reporting requirement.
  - #2170 – Career & Technical Education (under consideration)(speaks to funding of the program).
  - #2413 – Equivalency Courses (under consideration).
  - #4220 – Community Member Complaints Concerning Staff or Program (under consideration);
    - Identifies appropriate administrators.
5. Reports were presented :
  - Empowering Puyallup update;
    - Professional Development,
    - Community Engagement,
    - Collaboration w/food service,
    - Partnerships w/business;
  - Microsoft (Intune software platform for administrators),
    - Lenovo 300e – elementary school computers (1-1) for grades 4-6 will be completed this spring; will display approximately 12,000 computers by Fall 2019.
    - Instructional Leadership - Dual Language (DL)program;
      - Program funded through a \$2M grant,
      - Being employed at 2 elementary schools (Steward & Spinning),
      - Working w/school to identify qualified teachers and students,
      - No one path on how to administer Dual L,
      - Capturing success/non-success data for future development of program.

6. New Law HB267-10: Creating the Hunger Fee Solution:
  - Model Program on Nutrition Services Program;
    - Forgotten lunches or lunch money,
    - Life threatening allergies,
  - On-Line Parent Portal (Parent & Guardian Rights):
    - To respond to student needs,
    - set or change 'charge' or no-charge' limits,
    - set or change situation of content & ingredients
  
7. Volunteer Thought Exchange Website:
  - Power comes from group intelligence;
    - shares ideas and concerns,
    - removes bias' & shields members positions,
    - replaces public forums & debates, in which some are deemed more intelligent, for example.
  - Data provided in graph form.
  - Available tomorrow (Jan 23, 2019)
  
8. PECAAA (Puyallup Extra Curricular Athletics & Activities) tentative agreement adopted.
  
9. A teacher, Matt, (last name and school unknown) informed the meeting group of actions taken and not taken following recent threats to kill everybody in school, both in text and verbally:
  - a 10-day suspension was given to two students,
  - the community was not informed,
  - teachers and students very scared,
  - more consideration required.
  
10. Four community members spoke on "Save Firgrove School"
  - Board member Chris Ihrig spoke to the issue, stating the decision had been made to destroy the school but they would hear more from the South Hill Community.