November 2019

Date | 11/11/2019 | Meeting called to order by Sara Gilloth

In Attendance

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<th>Kate Broyles</th>
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<td>Sarah Chase</td>
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Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were posted on the school website and distributed to staff via e-mail. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes without revision.

Principal’s Report

Kim Halingstad gave the principal’s report. The school hosted Rachel’s Challenge presentations in October and received feedback from families. Concerns were expressed that the video footage of the shooting in the presentation created secondary trauma to some students. We want to avoid idolatry of the incident and its perpetrators.

A suggestion was made to consider making a recommendation to the principal that the School Accountability Committee assists with screening assembly presentations for content. Ms. Halingstad stated that the district has approved the Rachel’s Challenge presentation; however, she is open to increased communication and establishing a process for sharing and receiving feedback from the School Accountability Committee for assembly presentations.

A comment was made that the district should revisit its approval of the presentation and provide feedback to the organization such as editing out scenes that show shooting and following several organizations’ suggestion to not name mass shooters (e.g., Don’t Name Them, No Notoriety, and “Don’t Name Mass Shooters” from the Ethics and Public Policy Center). It was suggested the school send a letter asking that the active shooting footage be edited out.

The discussion was tabled to be picked up again after the new year.

New Business

Principal Selection Process

Dan Cohan, the community superintendent serving mountain area middle and high schools, presented the next steps for West Jefferson Middle School in selecting a permanent principal. After discussing the pros and cons of various selection processes, the School Accountability Committee recommended direct placement of Kim Halingstad as principal.
Agenda Item Request

It was requested to add an agenda item for the next meeting on how to respond to negative Facebook posts about the school and our students.

December Meeting

It was agreed by consensus to not hold the optional December meeting and resume regular meetings in January 2020.

Open Forum

There are two part-time kitchen positions and a full-time paraeducator position open at the school. To learn more about the positions or to apply, please go to the district’s Careers page and search for “West Jefferson Middle.”

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Next Meeting

Date: 1/13/2020
Time: 2:35
Location: WJMS Library