

WWCS School Board Meeting Highlights – October 25, 2018

Greetings!

Board Highlights from Ruthann Haider, Parent Representative – WWCS School Board

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President's Report: Father has fielded a significant number of questions regarding the closure of the high school. He wants to assure everyone the high school is not closing. Father would appreciate all parents quelling any future rumors of this nature.

Principal's Report:

Homecoming Week: Lots of energy and excitement

Accreditation Committee: The committee who visited us two years ago will return in early December for a follow up review on communication. The school board is preparing to meet with the committee members during their visit.

Building Committee (Jerry Anhorn, Chair):

Two architectural firms toured both schools since the last board meeting to gain perspective on current conditions of schools. These firms will propose through a Request for Proposal (RFQ) process on completing a Master Plan for our schools. The goal is to have the proposals from the architectural firms presented at a special board meeting in December. The Master Plan will inform any strategy for a future capital campaign.

Strategic Plan Committee (Claire Valente):

The school board voted to approve a new school mission statement, developed by the strategic planning committee. The mission statement was approved to replace all previous mission statements, such that the WWCS now has one mission statement for all our schools (ELC, Assumption, DeSales).

The new mission statement (also found on the web site) is: "With Christ as our foundation, and in partnership with families, Walla Walla Catholic Schools forms the whole student: mind, body, and soul. We are committed to academic excellence and the development of faith and reason. Our students grow to be disciples of Jesus Christ-strong in virtue, exceptional in learning and generous in service".

Advancement (Jaime VanWormer):

The school board is considering hiring a consulting firm to assist the schools with growing the annual fund and developing a capital campaign strategy. Two firms, Partners In Mission and Ager Consulting Company have provided proposals for the school board to review. Our new Advancement Director, Jaime VanWormer, is gathering additional information about possible grants to help offset the cost of a consultant for this purpose.

Finance Committee (Kristal Hassler):

The committee is developing the 2019-2020 budget, which will be presented to the board for approval at the November board meeting. A small tuition increase is anticipated due to an increase in costs, most notably salaries and benefits for our staff.