

## WWCS School Board Meeting Highlights – September 27, 2018

Greetings!

I have been selected as the parent representative to the WWCS School Board. My term started July 1, 2018, and is a three year term.

Each month, I will send out the highlights of the WWSC monthly board meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via text or phone call (509-956-9939) or email: [rhaider@wallawallacatholicschools.com](mailto:rhaider@wallawallacatholicschools.com) . Also, full minutes of the meeting will be posted to the WWCS website when they are completed and approved by the board. Meeting minutes are posted for June and August, 2018. (There wasn't a board meeting in July 2018).

### **Board Highlights:**

**New Board Member:** Father Curtis Seidel was nominated by Fr Nicks to be on the board. He was approved and starts his new position immediately.

**President's Report:** In October, Bishop Daly will be writing to formally request the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Eucharist establish a house in Walla Walla with a mission to serve in our Catholic Schools. Their answer is not certain, and the request would be for their arrival either in the fall of 2019 or the fall of 2020.

### ***Principal's Report:***

Assumption & DeSales: Parent Student Conferences at Assumption are October 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> – scheduling instructions forthcoming.

Sources of Strength (SOS): Kathy Ruthven, school counselor and DeSales English teacher, is heading up the implementation of this School Support Program. WWVA and WAHI have both implemented it and Garrison is implementing it this year along with our schools. There will be a parent leader training session in mid October. Student peer leaders at DeSales have started an orientation on the program in their Advisory Groups.

WWCS Staff Retreat: October 28-29<sup>th</sup>

**Building Committee:** The board approved two capital repairs.

1. At Assumption, Perfection Glass will replace the gym door facing to the east and the playground door facing to the south, middle of the school with doors that look similar to the front entrance doors. The estimated time for replacement is late November/early December.
2. At DeSales, Atlas Boilers will repair the burner in the backup boiler in the HVAC system in order to provide a redundancy should the main boiler go down.

3. Several Architect firms have been contacted regarding proposals for a masterplan, with proposals being presented at a future board meeting. If interested, I encourage you to monitor the School Board meeting agendas, posted on the WWCS website approximately 1 week prior to the meeting.

**Strategic Plan Committee:**

1. Claire Valente presented and discussed a proposal from Partners in Mission for consultancy services to the WWCS for advancement and retention. Board members provided Claire several questions for Partners in Mission to answer regarding their work with schools in similar demographics as our WWCS.

2. The strategic planning committee was tasked by the school board in June 2018 to revise the WWCS mission statement, in light of the board, faculty, parent and parish community input into the strategic plan.

**Technology Committee:**

1. The technology committee has formed and had a kick off a meeting to review their goals and objectives. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Andrea Rehnolds.

**Catholic Identify Committee:**

1. Fr Seidel is gathering details for a fall retreat for all Juniors and Seniors in our community.

2. Our new librarian, Annie Guest is seeking alternatives to the Scholastic Book Fair; she will make a formal recommendation to Mr Lesko in the near future.

3. Initial planning has begun for Catholic Schools week.