

SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Our Promise

We will know, value, and support every student, helping them graduate ready to pursue a promising future.

March 8, 2023 - Study Session Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

Call to Order

School Board President Erin Markquart called the March 8, 2023 Board Study Session for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:01 pm.

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Strategic Plan

Joshua Agpalza, Director of Equity, Sara O'Donnell, Executive Director of Leadership and Student Services and Dr. Jeannie Larberg, Director of Whole Child will present information that supports Goal #4: Elimination of Disparities in Student Access and Success.

The focus of the presentation shared data that supported what equity looks like for every student and the need for resources that meet cognitive and behavioral expectations. Josh and the team shared the importance of creating common language around the meaning of disproportionality and its correlation to disciplinary action such as expulsions based on the OSPI standards. It is the goal of the district by 2026 to eliminate disproportionalities in suspension and expulsions across all student groups by creating a multi-tier system of support using SWIS data, PBIS and restorative practices.

Presentation Feedback

Director Kevin Lewis noted that in the discipline section of the presentation the emphasis on restorative practices for students repeatedly experiencing disciplinary problems and the data that shows there is a disproportionate number of students experiencing negative effects of disciplinary problems.



Director Deb Norris acknowledged the level of research that went into the findings and looks forward to next steps.

Director Paul Williams posed the questions of the data entered into SWIS and how it correlates with the disproportionality. What are the measures in place to ensure that input is accurate? Sara O'Donnel and others confirmed that the SWIS tool is being used consistently by building leaders to show trends and patterns so that problems can be addressed.

Director Erin Markquart acknowledged the level of work and commitment involved on the part of the team and district in changing behavior from a restorative perspective.

Dr. Dent drew attention to the academic acceleration piece of the plan and how transformational it is to recognizing student potential and challenging students beyond their current comfort level in a way that doesn't set them up for failure.

Board Discussion

Director Kevin Lewis proposed bringing a stand alone anti-racism policy to the policy committee. The policy would allow the staff to have the necessary tools for assessing behavior problems in the district. In his summary, he highlighted what he perceived as key components to include in the district's anti-racism policy and how those points compare with other policies around the state.

Adjournment

With no further business the board adjourned at 7:23 pm and went into an exempt session to discuss collective bargaining.

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Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

Attest:

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Erin Markquart
President of Board of Directors