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**.

# January 10, 2024 - Study Session Minutes

School board President Erin Markquart called the January 10, 2024 study session of the Board of Directors of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00pm

Director Kevin Lewis was excused from tonight's meeting.

**Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Strategic Plan**

Assistant Superintendent Kelly Denn and Director of Whole Child Dr. Jeannie Larberg presented Goals 2 regarding Emotional Safety to the board. Dr. Larberg shared that January is Whole Child month and that with Dr. Dent's assistance the district has been awarding Whole Child certificates in recognition of heroes who help our students succeed. Emotional safety is an important topic because it impacts student attendance, behavioral, mental and physical health.

The measure of success for the emotional safety of every student by 2026 includes a 100% feeling from students that their school is safe and welcoming. The information is gathered through the perception survey's response to the question "In this school, there is at least one adult who knows and cares about me." Kelly shared that equity includes fair treatment as well as personalized support for growth and cognitive development.

Budget allocation, which is approximately $275,000 includes essentials for comprehensive counseling that include behavioral services at no cost to the district of approximately $80,000 from levy funds. The other category for budget allocation comes from essentials for multi-tiered system support which includes behavior data tracking and conferences.

The outcome of tonight's presentation is that board members will have an understanding of the systems in place that support emotional safety for students and the actions that are taken to increase emotional safety in all school buildings. The four pillars include teaching/learning, safe culture and strong partnerships, professional learning and continuous improvement.

The CEE Survey was used to measure future readiness by 2026 with 81% as the baseline. Details of the goal measurement are found on slide 17. Current school counselors in our buildings are working on supporting students and using data driven decisions to implement a complete CSCP School Counselor Needs Assessment. Dr. Larberg shared that the action that comes out of needs assessment must include context (i.e school, lunchroom, classroom) and allows for follow-up by school counselors. School based Behavioral Health Services include outside agencies at no cost to students (i.e. Consejo Counseling Services, Kathryn Z & Associates and Multicare Greater Lakes), virtual services from UW Stepped Care TF-CBT, Charlie's Health and Daybreak Health.

Director Bill Gaines shared his appreciation for the work done to train students and staff in SEL techniques for students in every grade level who don't feel safe in their schools.

Director Erin Markquart shared how one of her students, using the rainbow breath, a strategy taught to students experiencing anxiety, to self regulate and the support she received from her friends who recognized she was having a moment.

Director Paul Williams shared his appreciation for the level of professionalism demonstrated in presentations to the board. As a parent he felt supported and appreciated what his daughter was taught regarding emotional support. He shared his optimism in the staff's ability to reach their goal because of the processes in place to identify and service emotionally distressed students.

Director Deb Norris was impressed with the percentage change over the years; however, she is more impressed with the system in place for students who don't feel safe.

**Board Discussion**
No board discussion at this time.

With no further discussion the November Board Study Session adjourned at 7:02p.m.

Attest

Laurie Dent, Secretary

Erin Markquart, President Board of Directors Board of Directors