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**.

October 14, 2025 - Study Session Minutes
Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

Call to Order

School board President Kevin Lewis called the October 14, 2025 board study session for the Board of Directors at Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00pm.

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Strategic Plan Update

In accordance with district policy 0300 and 0700, district administration provided an update to the board on its' progress towards the five aspirational goals in the strategic plan. The future study sessions will cover each goal in detail. The Five goals included include Success in the Early Years, Whole Child, Academically Prepared Critical Thinkers, Elimination of Disparities in Student Access and Success, and Readiness for College, Career and Live.

Dr. Laurie Dent shared that the success of the current strategic plan rest in consistent monitoring and the district's continuous improvement process that aligns efforts. She also shared that 70% of all strategic plans fail because school districts don't remove barriers to learning.

The presentation started with a look at the district's ranking among schools in Washington based on assessments in ELA and Math. Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services, Kelly Denn shared how OSPI scores and ranks schools overall this year. Overall Sumner-Bonney Lake in ELA went from a 70.9 to 70.4 passing rate; in math 63 to at 66.

Overall, our schools performed above the projected benchmarks. Within each goal the presenters offered their noticing and next steps. For example, Success in the Early Years shared that ELA and Math performance is trending upwards and that in schools where the performance needs improvement there would be targeted support in closing persistent gaps through replicating effective practices from high-growth schools.

Whole Child, which is goal two in the strategic plan that attendance and student perception is improving in the early grade levels and contribute that increase to adult-student connections. Next steps include addressing chronic absenteeism through school-based attendance teams, especially at

the high school level, and strengthening mentorship and advisory systems.

Goal three, which is Academically Prepared Critical Thinkers shared that 80% of 5th graders exceeded on the standards in ELA resulting in 75.2 overall score and 66.1 in mathematics. Noticing included not only a strengthening in 5th and 8th grade performance but that increase came after prior dips from previous years. They plan to prioritize math achievement with targeted strategy and supports and expanding learning in math instruction in middle schools.

Goal four, which is Elimination of Disparities in Student Access and Success focused on inequities in terms of suspension among the student population across all student-groups. Josh noted that low-income and special education students have a higher percentage in suspensions due to number of incidents. Josh also noted the expansion of student-centered discipline practices and restorative approaches as something the district continues to work through.

Readiness for College, Career and Life, which is goal five noted an increase to 93.4 in graduation rate in 2025. This is an increase in the graduation rate which is connect to an increase in interventions and the number of students participating in Running Start and Pierce County Skills Center. The department continues to expand CTE internships and post-secondary partnerships.

Board Discussion

Director JB Smith shared a concern regarding second floor ladders and tools for breaking windows during an evacuation emergency. Brian Scheerer is currently working with vendors to identify someone to provide the proper tools needed for an evacuation. She also shared that in recognition of World Kindness Day and the upcoming visit to the Early Learning Center, how the board might participate in a district event. Dr. Dent will connect with Martina Scheerer to see if there is anything happening that day that the board might be able to connect with for the day. Final ideas will be shared at next week's board meeting.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, the board study session ended at 7:26pm

Laurie Dent, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest

Kevin Lewis, President
Board of Directors