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Sheridan County School District #2 & Northern Wyoming Community College District Joint Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2020 - 6:00pm

Sheridan College – Mars Agriculture Center (MAC) – Rooms 201 & 202

NWCCD Trustees Present

Walt Wragge
Norleen Healy
Shelley Wilson Kinnison
Bruce Hoffman
Debra Wendtland

Sheridan School District #2 Trustees Present

Craig Achord
Molly Steel
Ann Perkins
Shane Rader
Wayne Schatz
Arin Waddell
Anthony Wendtland
Shellie Szmyd
Susan Wilson

NWCCD Administration Present

Dr. Walt Tribley, President
Dr. Estella Castillo-Garrison, VPAA

Sheridan School District #2 Administration Present

Craig Dougherty, Superintendent
Mitch Craft, Asst. Superintendent
Scott Stults, Administration District

Others Present

Jeriann Jacobson, Early Childhood Liaison
Pat Blair, Media
Ashleigh (Fox) Snoozy, Media

Recorder

Andrea Morgan

1. Call to Order

NWCCD Board Chair, Walt Wragge called the January 20, 2020 Joint NWCCD Board of Trustees and SCSD #2 Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Walt Tribley & Craig Dougherty

Craig Dougherty expressed his appreciation for the collaborative relationship between NWCCD and SCSD #2. Dr. Tribley discussed research related to school readiness and educational support. Dr. Tribley introduced Chef David Gorzalka. Dinner was served followed by this meeting agenda.

3. New Business

a. Early Childhood Liaison Update, Jeriann Jacobson

Jeriann Jacobson gave a report on the Early Childhood Liaison program, Kindlers. She shared data related to the program's increasing participation by families and providers. Ms. Jacobson discussed the role of communication and training community providers through modeling lesson planning and multi-sensory learning for students. Kindlers will offer transportation beginning 2-13-2020 to help eliminate a barrier for those who wish to attend.

b. John C. Schiffer Collaborative School Update, Scott Stults

Students who attend the John C. Schiffer Collaborative School seem to be inspired to go to college by being on a college campus. The John C. Schiffer School will remain on the Sheridan College campus for one more year. The hospitality and support has made this collaboration highly successful. The new building for the John C. Schiffer School will be built beginning mid-March to mid-April 2020 with a goal for completion of August 2021.

Trustee Norleen Healy asked about enrollment, and Scott Stults reported a waiting list for the first time. The school serves 75 students presently, but will be able to serve 112 in the new building.

There were several comments on the need for an alternative high school to give students who struggle in the traditional classroom an opportunity to thrive in this environment.

c. Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Update (Handout Only), Mitch Craft

Mitch Craft took a moment to discuss an item that was not listed on the agenda. He highlighted the collaboration of NWCCD and SCSD #2 related to the K-14 computer science initiative. He spoke about the role that NWCCD will play in supporting faculty who endeavor to complete their computer science endorsement by offering the classes they need to continue their education.

Mr. Craft gave a brief update on the dual/concurrent enrollment numbers for SCSD #2. He pointed out the cost savings for the students who participate in this program.

4. Adjournment

At the conclusion of the last order of New Business, NWCCD Chair Walt Wragge closed the meeting with a statement about the rarity of the collaborative relationship between NWCCD and SCSD #2. He suggested that this relationship should be treasured and maintained. He also discussed the importance of keeping our focus on our students. Walt Wragge adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michelle Wilson Kinnison
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra J. Wendtland". The signature is cursive, with the first name "Debra" being the most prominent.

for

Walter Wragge
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Chair