

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

March 11, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT: Martin Dursse, Chair
Jeanette Sampson, Vice Chair
Shawn Helligso, Director
Grace Laman, Director
Jenna Rickenbach, Director

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Hoppes, Superintendent-Clerk; Louise Kallstrom, Director of Support Services; Jodie Holthusen, Recorder (Please see **Attachment A** for complete list of attendees.)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dursse called a meeting of the Board of Directors of Astoria School District No. 1C, Clatsop County, to order at 6:44 P.M. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 in the Astoria School District Boardroom.

2.0 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Superintendent Hoppes reminded the members about a discussion held at a previous board meeting concerning Advanced Placement (AP) courses. He wanted to take some time to allow the members to weigh-in on the subject as it is an action item on tonight's regular board meeting agenda. Members had some questions regarding costs around training & curriculum and class sizes. Superintendent Hoppes stated that he would recommend starting with English courses for the up and coming school year, and potentially add Science and Social Studies for the following school year which would allow time for training. He suggested that the District make it a budget priority although, if the spring forecast numbers are too low then the AP classes shouldn't be offered.

3.0 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION EVALUATION

Ms. Knutsen was in attendance at tonight's meeting to present the annual Alternative Education evaluation report. She explained that the students are utilizing the Odysseyware curriculum and meet regularly with a counselor to review their graduation plans. So far this year, three students have graduated and there are twenty-nine currently active.

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Ms. Knutsen reported that the first year of the program they wanted it to be very flexible for the students. They've learned over the years that not all students can successfully navigate that way and must maintain regular attendance in order to get things done.

In addition to the teachers, an instructional assistant and part-time counselor, volunteers come in on a consistent basis to mentor and help the students. They also receive donations of food from a local church group on Fridays to ensure they have something to eat over the weekend.


4.0 ASTORIA SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Superintendent Hoppes announced that Brad Pope has agreed to be the new president of the foundation. A meeting was held with the superintendent, Mr. Pope and Miranda Helligso last week to see what can be done to boost attendance and get the foundation back up and running. He mentioned that he would like to bring the topic back to the group in July, but in the meantime, challenged the Board to try and round-up at least 15-20 new members for the foundation.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.


Board Chair


Clerk/Deputy Clerk