

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School Board Date: 5-22-2019
Observer Reporting: Carol Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1.5 hours
Members Present/Absent: Board member Weed was absent
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Director of Special Services, Megan Itani; Parent came to comment on the importance of paying attention to mental health issues

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Energy Efficiency:

Green School Designation at Jefferson—effort led by PTA member, very passionate about bringing it about and personally received a reward from the agency for her efforts.

Evidence of Quality Instructional Programming:

School District Rankings according to US News—PHS ranked 27th best high school in the State of WA due to numbers of students taking at least 1 AP test, numbers passing AP tests, math, reading and graduation proficiency.

School Rankings according to OSPI—New ranking system, only 200 schools statewide received recognition and PSD has two: Lincoln Middle School for closing achievement gaps and Franklin Elementary scores in English Language Arts and Math.

District focus on **Social and Emotional Learning** from pre-K through 12th grade, in response to nationwide increase in mental health struggles of the children in schools, includes collaboration with community centers including WSU.

Updating School District **Policies related to student discipline** in response to changes to state law and reaching out to collaborate with ESD 101 with regard to mandatory threat assessments.

Public Meetings of interest to League

Board Retreat date to be determined, but in August. Discussion items included a change in the process of the goal setting process for the district, increasing the focus on analysis of data by the board during their retreat.