

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: January 12, 2022

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1 hour 21 minutes

Members Present: Susan Weed, Allison Munch-Rotolo, Jim Evermann, Nathan Roberts,
Amanda Tanner

Others present: Bob Maxwell, Roberta Kramer, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge,
Jim Bruce (Principal Jefferson Elementary), Nikki Wolf, Sarah King, Marie Wallace,
Garren Shannon (Technology Services Director)

Members Absent: _____

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality of Instruction:

- **Professional Learning Communities of teachers in the same building and area** (i.e., grade level or subject-matter) focusing on reaching all students with the **Tier 1 curriculum** so that all students can learn all aspects of the curriculum. Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions support students who need more time to focus on the Tier 1 curriculum
- Three Jefferson ES teachers who are using the **new English Language Arts curriculum** shared about how it's going, the characteristics of the program and how students are responding to it

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- PSD is part of the **state's Covid "test to stay" program** so rapid testing supplies have come from the state and the system's intent is to keep the most students in the classroom as possible.
- The District, at the **guidance of Whitman County Public Health**, had to suspend sports for two weeks, case counts at the time in Whitman County per 100,000 went in one week from 75 to 600
 - Currently, there are 107 cases including all personnel and students
- **CARES funds** from the federal government in response to the pandemic allowed the district to more rapidly advance **upgrades in Wi-Fi** by two years
- **Incident IQ, cloud-based tracking system for technology** which was really important as the district transitioned back from on-line learning to in-person learning
- **Target to build a more reliable network** with a back-up tower
- **3971 Chromebooks in the system**
 - Some of these can't be used for testing though
- Now district has **more than one device per student** which was really brought about by the pandemic
 - Middle and high school students have **"take home" "bring back charged"** on a daily basis
 - Over the summer too but disabled