

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District State of the District Date: 25 January 20223

Observer Reporting: Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 48 minutes

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

Members Absent: Nathan Roberts

Other District Personnel Present: Bob Maxwell, Joe Thornton, Diane Hodge

Others Present: (Kamiak ES Principal), various teachers from Kamiak professional community (3 grade level team leaders, 3 others: Kindergarten teacher Sarah Corbin, First grade teacher Caitlin Kelley, Second grade teacher Emily Coombs, Third grade teacher Victoria Schoenfelder, Fourth grade teacher Jenna Fenstermaker, Fifth grade teacher Abby Wagner)

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Quality of Instruction:

- **Monday late start collaborative teams** are creating common formative assessments (CFAs), this work has spilled over into other collaborative moments as can be grabbed time-permitting, teachers provide feedback to the Board about would love a little more time and a little more permission to work on what they want to work on
- **14 trainings** offered by the district that are related to equity (at least roughly) throughout the year
- Policy 2411 **High School Equivalency Certificate** (HB 1686) approved
- Policy 3421 **Addressing child abuse and neglect in students**, clarifying requirements for mandatory reporting and definitions, approved
- **Board Operating Protocols**—empirical data supports that having protocols for the Board contributes to improved student performance
 - Delineation/clarification between Board, Superintendent, Leadership Team through the protocols is really important
- Recommendation to **delete temporary policies** that had been implemented during the pandemic with regard to certain graduation requirements which have now sunsetted
- Description of the **essential Principal roles and job duties** over which they are evaluated, local PSD district policy updated (8 standards for principals at TPEP evaluation on-line)

Responsible Use of Public Funds:

- **Class-action lawsuit against Juul company (vaping) was won** and some settlement monies will be coming to the District to spend on educational support.
- **The District may join a new class-action suit against social media company** for the negative impact on student mental health, more on this as more information becomes available
- **Bond refunding** which could reduce overall expenditures (2.9 million in savings at today's current rate, which has increased since the last Board presentation)
- **Food policy and procedures** (check the board packet to add details here)