

Update on Executive Director Work

December, 2018

AESD Strategic Plan: Goal Three – “Tell our Story”

Upcoming Presentations:

Washington Educational Research Association: December 5, 2018: ***“Micro-credentials: Building a partnership to address teacher quality, shortages, and new delivery models,”*** - Co-presenting with PESB (Professional Educational Standards Board at WERA Pre-Conference, December 5, 2018) These could be in areas of specific content shortages, STEM, computer science, special education, etc. Session #6, 9 a.m. to noon. (Gene will miss Assistant Supt. zoom meeting)

Washington Educational Research Association: December 7, 2018: ***“Illuminating the Elusive: Year One Findings from Evaluating Teacher Professional Development in Washington.”*** 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hilary Loeb and Janet Gordon. Sea-Tac Hilton Hotel

Recently completed:

WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) Annual Conference, ***Nine ESDs. One Network: Supporting Washington’s Schools and Communities.*** Larry submitted application to present. November 2018: WSSDA Theme: ***Embrace Your Influence*** (presenters: Dana, Greg, Larry, Marcia Henkle, and Rick Anthony. Friday, November 16, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Presentation attracted approximately 40 attendees and included examples/models of Washington School Improvement Framework and ESD work around school safety/mental health and School Systems and Student Support as well as a history of the ESD Network and benefits to local school districts. PowerPoint is located on AESD website.

Other Issues:

SILT Meeting Date February 21 at PSESD. Topic will be continuation of special needs inclusion and best practices within content areas. Mick, Ric, Glenna, Kathe, and Michaela will join with Gene after the first of the year to develop specific agenda items.

Glenna recommended McMicken Heights Elementary School (Highline School District) to present on their successful inclusion model. I would like to recommend we use the AtRealtime Application and Check-In Protocol, again, for our presentations/discussions and review. This protocol worked well at our last

meeting. Hilary and Janet will present on their current program evaluation study of Special Education Fellows.

I will work with Mick, Ric and others to establish a SILT planning meeting date in January, if not before in December, if possible given holiday schedules.

Computer Science: Andrew Hickman has scheduled the next statewide computer science director's meeting for Monday, December 10, from 1 – 2 p.m., via zoom.

Legislative Updates: ESD Superintendents approved the attached 2019 AESD Legislative Agenda. The two major items include: (1) A solution for School Employee Benefit Board and (2) School Safety Center. Additional support will be directed toward: Work Integration Coordinators, Early Learning Coordinators, School Nursing Corps, Computer Science, Climate Science, English Language Arts, and Math and Science Professional Learning.

Climate Science Advocacy: I met this past week with two representatives from the Climate Science Community-Based Organizations to begin our strategic legislative advocacy for climate science teacher professional learning expansion. Our goal is to, first sustain our current level of funding, and, if possible, double our investment from \$4M to \$8M for the 2019-21 biennium. Early program evaluation work indicates strong teacher support and qualitative evidence of student learning. However, we are early in the year and continued program evaluation data will be important as the year progresses. I want to give a "shout out" to Andrew for his work in this area (program evaluation, Climate Science Fellows, and leadership efforts around a comprehensive science program).

I will continue to work closely with our Community-Based Organizations, Andrew, Ellen and others on this effort.

Holiday best wishes to everyone.

Gene