

Ferndale School District No. 502
School Board Special Meeting September 12, 2016
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Members present: Hugh Foulke, Andrew McLaurin, Lee Anne Riddle, Jeremy Kanpp
Members absent: Kevin Erickson, Candice Wilson, Ben Bagley

Meeting called to order at 5:10 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was held at the Silver Reef Events Center located at 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, Washington. Present from Ferndale School District were Superintendent Linda Quinn, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services Mark Deebach, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning Scott Brittain, Executive Director for Student Services Jill Iwasaki and Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Hall. Also, there were eight members of the Lummi Nation present.

2. GENERAL

Action: 2.01 Joint Discussion Between the District and Lummi Nation Regarding Education Programs

Members of the Ferndale School Board and Lummi Nation discussed student education programs. Also, they reviewed the Joint Policies and Procedures for the coming year.

Lummi Education Board President Jana Finkbonner said the board had some concern with getting the Parent Advisory Committee up and running. She reported that Lummi and Ferndale are working together to set up an initial meeting in December.

District Executive Director of Student Services Jill Iwasaki reported on a number of items.

1. School principals are interested in setting up coffee hours with parents.
2. About 620 native students attend Ferndale Schools. They represent 17 different tribes.
3. The district has posted a notice to hire a Lummi language teacher for Vista Middle School.

Lummi Nation School Education Director Bernie Thomas said he believes there should be about 1000 Lummi students so it's about finding and identifying 600 students to get to that number. Ms. Iwasaki said some students may be enrolled in Ferndale School who have not been identified.

Lummi Education and Ferndale School District board members approved the Joint Policies and Procedures for this year, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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In other news, Mr. Thomas reported that Lummi Nation is asking the state and federal governments to be excused from state and federal testing. Lummi is developing its own Lummi Education Code. It will include cultural accountability measures.

Ferndale School District Superintendent Linda Quinn reminded those present that the nation and district representatives meet the first Thursday of each month to discuss education matters.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary