

December Report to DPAC for Jan 11 Meeting

December was quite a busy month for Trustees

As you know Superintendent Pepper resigned. Numerous meetings were held to decide how to proceed. It was decided to offer an interim superintendent position to Ms. Sharon Cairns. Ms. Cairns had been back in the District Office from retirement as an acting Assistant Superintendent. The choice was seen as a neutral person who was not interested in the position long-term and would therefore not give any individual either within the District or without an undue advantage or disadvantage for a permanent posting. The Board will move quickly to staff a permanent superintendent and will be finalizing a process in the next few days. Your Chairperson has indicated that DPAC would like to be involved in a selection committee and that input will certainly be taken forward.

In addition, Ms. Johnson has taken the principalship of Southridge, therefore the Board also has a vacant Assistant Superintendent position. The process for this vacancy will also be decided over the next few days.

The draft liaison committee appointments are out and it appears I will be your representative for another year unless changes are made. I have purchased an external speaker and hopefully we can get the virtual attendance working better.

In regards to the Board meeting with yourselves, I was wondering if the evening of Monday Jan 24th would work? I will be in town for Tuesday's Board meeting and would love to be able to attend in person.

The Board has seen the revised draft copy of the strategic plan and will be determining the time frame and method for a roll out. However, the departure of the Superintendent may delay some of these ongoing processes including the community discussions about the long range facility plan and a sustainability exercise.

I apologize if I am not able to join in the DPAC meeting due to a board meeting conflict. I will try to call in if my other meeting wraps up in time but I am not optimistic.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hooker