La Center High School November board report 2009

Curriculum- We have completed our first health adoption meeting and have a second scheduled for December 3rd. We have added a second student to the group based on a consensus from the group that the student voice was vital. Colten Fox will be joining us. I have collected the instructional materials used by Ridgefield, Hockinson and Kalama from their Principals and we will be reviewing this material as part of our process. Our math department continues to work hard at implementing the new math curriculum and I have sent a memo to Mark that details much of our work over the last month concerning Math A. It my understanding that he will be sharing it with you in the board packet. If you have any additional questions please ask. I would add that Math B, based on our best judgment, seems to be going very well.

Athletics- The fall sports season is over and winter has started. We have really great turnout for both basketball and wrestling. The number of girls wrestling continues to grow which is very encouraging. The girls cross country team once again placed 2nd in the state after winning the district championship for the fourth season in a row. This is the third year in a row that they've been 2nd and as we like to say, we are the state 1A public school champions. (we've lost to Kings all three years) The boys cross country team fought off a week of sickness to take second at district and qualify for state. They recovered and placed seventh in the state which placed them in the "championship" bracket. Boys football lost in the first round of the state playoffs against a very good (and large) team from Nooksack Valley but still had, as Mr. Lambert says, one of his most rewarding years. The girls soccer team also lost in the first round of the state playoffs but are very young and should be poised to make a big run next year.

Teachers- Mr. Pust has been working with the vocational advisory committee and hopes to have the flat screen monitors up and running by the time of the board meeting. We have community volunteers working to gather and organize the material on flash drives to run these monitors.

Our navigation captains continue to meet and work hard to fine tune the navigation curriculum. We previously taped many "high quality" student led conferences last spring

and the captains have supplied DVD's to all navigation groups for students to view, the best of the best, to help them improve their own conferences. In addition the group has re-written the rubric for the scoring of the conferences. After gathering information from students and parents following the spring conferences there were a couple of areas that needed a shift in focus.

A huge thank you to Kathy Bounds for her work on this years veterans day assembly. Once again I think it was fair to say that everyone there was moved by the presentation and the veterans who were there, especially Jeff Bounds who spoke and then donated his memorabilia for display in our school.

Students- A congratulations and thank you to our band who did a wonderful job as the pep band this fall and who were just fantastic at Battleground district stadium for the playoff game. In addition the band and the chorus just had their fall concert and there were huge numbers of compliments about the quality of both groups.

And finally, our whole student body is doing a great job learning together, being good citizens and I am very proud of their focus this year. Our classroom removals for disruption and off-task behavior as well as our incidents of major violations are all down significantly from previous years.