

WAMLE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2010

Rainier Middle School Auburn, WA

1. **Welcome Present:** Debbie Haskell, Rick Boyle, Brian Jones, Ben Talbert, Janie Overman, Steph Strow, Cindy Knisely, Dotty Shireman **Absent:** Delaney Lafond
2. **Old Business:**
 - a. Approval of minutes from November 20, 2010 board meeting - Approved
3. **New Business:**
 - a. Treasurer's Report – Rick - \$4168.83 in account
 - b. Trustee Report from NMSA – Stephanie National association wants to be involved, but not pull strings of affiliates, wants to know our concerns. Not enough known, e.g., Senior advisor to Education Secretary Arne Duncan didn't know about *This We Believe* – Stephanie said there will be conference call to establish theme, attract membership. "If everything's a priority, nothing's a priority." More leadership conferences coming.
 - c. Report from Portland 2012 NMSA Conference Committee – Cindy – next mtg. Jan. 11; Portland had met with Baltimore & Nashville people to learn timeline, logistics
 - d. Updates on internet sites
 1. Website – Dotty *Cuts Are Us* email – send to Ben for blog; Ben will send link to post on site
 2. Blog – Ben Your Voice in the Middle@wordpress.com ; gave us printed copy; will link fb
 3. Facebook – Stephanie need to be on there, updating it. Have 48-50 fans/ members; makes it easier to share out, so invite colleagues
 - e. Constitution – voting rights bylaw First Reading
 - f. Olympia meetings – December 20, 2010 10:30
 1. State Superintendent Randy Dorn
 2. Other meetings 11:30 Kathe Taylor
 3. Update on survey for teachers and administrators – Stephanie – few responses, but lengthy
 4. Focus topics
 - a. Licensure – bring hard copies of *This We Believe* and *Success in the Middle*, as well as research documents to give Randy and Kathe. Have data clear, chart
 - b. Middle level liaison at the state level
 - c. Promotion of best practices Interdisciplinary teams,
 - d. Declaration of October as the *Month of the Young Adolescent*
 5. Position statement/key information document to share
 6. Other Bring membership card, pen with WAMLE logo
 - g. Fall conference – Janie is conference chair
 - a. October 14-15, 2011
 - b. Rainier Middle School
 - c. Theme - 21st Century Education – bring ideas for a catchy title
 - d. Keynote Speakers – bring ideas and if possible check cost and availability
 - e. Strands
 1. Technology
 2. 21st century learner
 3. Problem-based instruction
 4. Others ? *This We Believe?*,
 - f. Publicity
 - h. Other – Steph has Bellingham Foundation contact who wants to help, be involved
 - i. Next meeting – Date: January 8, 2011 Place: Fairhaven Middle School – Bellingham