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STAFF PRESENT: Kevin Cooper (chair), Terri Johnson, Michael Tyers, Wendy Chevalier, Lorali Gray, Chris Francy, Joanne Johnson, George Johnson.

Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

MEETING MINUTES: Kevin asked for approval of the September 21, 2012 meeting minutes. No additions or corrections were submitted and the minutes were adopted by consensus.

LCC REPORT: Wendi reported (as a reminder) that Jerry and the Board has approved the request to allow employees to do a work-week adjustment or simply take vacation the days between Christmas and New Years, but that the Anacortes offices would NOT be open to the public (this had been previously reported at an All-Staff meeting).

OLD BUISNESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUISNESS:

Kevin observed it was time for a new chair. After a brief discussion, Kevin agreed to continue as chair with George as “chair-elect” (becoming chair next year). Joanne made the motion, Michael seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Kevin then observed that we also needed to elect an LCC representative. Wendy agreed to continue (as she has for years) in this capacity, and was re-elected by consensus.

ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR: There were no issues from the floor.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kevin observed that the Mt. Baker room would soon be getting new A/V equipment so it would work just like the other meeting rooms (podium with controls, etc.) – except there will be two screens and projectors. Also, the West Sound room has all new teleconferencing equipment.

Terri observed that “Independent Contractor Agreements” would now be treated like any other contract, although both she and Wendy emphasized that no one on “early retirement” can work for ESD work while receiving retirement benefits. So an “early retiree” must forego retirement benefits for any month in which they are paid for ESD

work. Wendy stressed that this is only applicable to those who took an EARLY retirement; normal retire/rehires are OK.

GO AROUND:

Kevin – Busy installing new Video Conference equipment in West sound and North pass rooms. Upgrading the electronics in Mount Baker room. And helping several school districts upgrade their internet connections.

Terri – Busy closing out grants and other year-end activities. Fortunately, both Brian and Kara will be back soon (Kara with a new last name, as she was married just last Saturday!)

Michael – In order to provide Medicare-funded services in three additional counties in our region, Behavioral Health is hiring three more licensed mental health therapists (adding to those already hired to work in Skagit County). These new employees will start September 1 for training, and start see clients October 1.

George – Very busy this summer deploying 40 new desktop replacement computers (both at the DO and at remote sites), 9 new laptop replacements, and 30 new desktops for Snohomish Detention (ex-“Denney Youth Center”). In addition, we’re upgrading the file servers and firewalls at every remote site.

Wendy – As is typical of this time of year, PayPers his very busy filling all the open positions in Behavioral Health and Snohomish Detention (on top of the usual replacements and such).

Lorali – Working through budget issues remain, as the (last-minute) biennial state budget and 3% COLA require some minor changes. Fortunately, the School Nurse Corps was funded at about the same level as last year as, once again, the legislature was finally convinced of the need for SNC. This frustration comes up every budget cycle, as legislators must be re-educated (and new ones educated) about the importance of SNC – and the need to fund it.

Chris – The usual; making sure that no one notices all those servers and such. However, we are doing a LOT of server and firewall updates right now. Also, today is “server maintenance day,” and because we’re upgrading the ESD’s firewall, the Internet (and inter-VLAN routing) will likely be down for a while (starting sometime after 5:00pm).

Joanne – This year’s Summer Institute did not require STEM classroom experience to sign up, and because it is grant-funded (so offered at no charge to teachers or districts), many teachers have signed up who might not really need it. Next time, enrollment will require classroom experience teaching in STEM.

ADJOURN: Kevin moved to adjourn, seconded by Wendy. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by George Johnson
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