

Whale Pass School

Advisory School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

3:30 pm

Google Meet Link:

meet.google.com/vsb-fbdw-ypx

- A. Call To order:** Andy Cook called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
- B. Approval of agenda:** Patrick Jarnagin made a motion to approve the agenda. Cody Hillis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried
- C. Approval of minutes from February 25, 2025 meeting:** Tom Cook made a motion to approve the 2/25/2025 minutes, Joseph Hillis seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
- D. People to be heard:** Andy Cook, Shaine Nixon
- E. ASC Officers:**
 - **Superintendent:** Rod Morrison
 - **Principal:** Shaine Nixon
 - **President—** Open
 - **Treasurer—** *Open*
 - **Lead Teacher—** Andy Cook
- C. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration:**

- **New Business**
- **National Archery Tournament Travel Dates: April 22 - April 30**
-Andy Cook advised those present of the travel dates for the National Archery Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- **ASC to consider providing \$500 for each of the two archers who are attending the national tournament.**
-The matter was discussed. Michelle Dempsey made a motion to approve the ASC to provide \$500 to each of the two archers attending the National Tournament. Patrick Jarnagin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Andy Cook noted that unspent funds should be returned to the ASC.
- **FY 26 Calendar Selection Process (calendar options in the appendix)**

ASC Task: Calendar Selection Process:

- 1. Share Options: Distribute the three calendar options and comments to your ASC members for review.**
- 2. Narrow Down: Within your school's ASC, discuss and narrow the options down to two.**
- 3. Final Vote: Once you have two options, vote on one final calendar.**

-Andy Cook explained the process; WPS and other outer sites will each get one vote, Thorne Bay School gets two votes to to larger size. After discussing each option the vote was as follows:

Option A: No votes

Option B: Unanimous approval

Option C: No votes

WPS voted for calendar option B. This will be reported to Chris Page-Haufe immediately following the meeting.

D. Announcements:

- **State Testing starts on Monday, April 1**
 - ***Date of the next ASC meeting will be Tuesday, April 29 , 2025, 3:30pm***

E. Adjournment: Alex Cook made a motion to adjourn at 3:39pm. Joseph Hillis seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

F. Attendance: Michelle Dempsey, Anthony Cook, Cody Hillis, Tom Cook, John Cook, Alex Cook, Patrick Jarnagin, Joseph Hillis, Jesse Dempsey

Appendix:

Proposed School Calendar 2025-2026																																																		
Due Date: July 1, 2025																																																		
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LEGEND	
C	School Closes
E	End of Quarter
H	Legal Holiday
I	Inservice Day
M	Parent-Teacher Conf
N	Meeting reqts
N	Parent-Teacher Conf
N	Not meeting reqts
O	School Opens
S	Saturday School
T	Testing
V	Vacation Day
W	Teacher Workday
X	Emergency Closure Day
LT	Lead Teacher Day
NI	New Teacher Inservice
SI	SpEd Inservice
	In-session day

- Students must have at least 146 school days
- Teachers must have at least 172 working days (student days + inservice days + work days)






School Holidays	
Independence Day	July 4, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Thanksgiving & day after	November 27 - 28, 2025
Christmas	Decemebr 25, 2025
New Years	January 1, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026

Option C






Calendar A:

-  Provides a clear endpoint before June, which may benefit summer planning.
-  May create a time crunch for end-of-year activities and final assessments.
-  Aligns well with summer college class schedules for staff and students.

Calendar B:

-  Maintains familiarity, making transition easier for students, staff, and families.
-  May not address concerns or desired improvements from past schedules.
-  Consistency with the current year may support stability in academic pacing.
-  Includes one Friday in May as a school day, which may be an adjustment for families.
-  Adds a soft start, which may ease students and staff into the academic year smoothly.

Calendar C:

-  Aligns well with local culture and subsistence activities in August.
-  Later start means a later finish in June, which may impact summer plans.
-  Could support better student attendance and engagement early in the year.
-  Adds a soft start, which may ease students and staff into the academic year smoothly.
-  Many college semesters start June 1st, so this may be difficult for students and staff balancing both schedules.
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